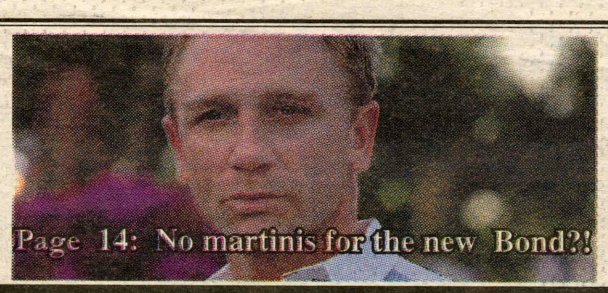

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Debate over Alexander Hamilton Center ends in indefinite postponement

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The College has announced that plans for the Alexander Hamilton Center (AHC) will be suspended indefinitely. Administrators, trustees and the three faculty founders of Center came to the agreement after several weeks of negotiations concerning the governance structure of the Center as it was described in the charter.

The AHC was designed by Sidney Wertimer Professor of History Douglas Ambrose, Elias W. Leavenworth Professor of Economics James Bradfield, and Publius Virgilius Rogers Professor of American History Robert Paquette as a center for the study of, according to the charter, "freedom, democracy and capitalism as these ideas were developed and institutionalized in the United States and within the larger tradition of Western culture." The AHC planned to sponsor lectures, colloquia and conferences centered on annual thematic programming as well as awarding an annual junior fellowship to a doctoral candidate or postdoctoral scholar. Hamilton alumnus and trustee Carl Menges '51 announced a $3.6 million donation to the Center in October.

President Stewart and Dean of the Faculty Joe Urgo approved the proposal for the AHC in August, primarily, according to Urgo, because of the programming and kinds of activities it would bring to the College. On September 6 the College formally announced its support of the formation of the Center on campus.

In its October 20 issue, *The Spectator* reported on concerns raised by faculty members about the governance structure of the AHC at the October 3 faculty meeting. A majority of faculty members expressed opinions that the Center would be too autonomous. The trustees and the Committee on Academic Policy (CAP) expressed similar concerns, leading the administration to look more closely at the charter and discuss the issues with the

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PHOTO BY JEROME NOEL '09

Student Assembly election to take place Tuesday

by Pat Hodgens '09
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Tuesday, December 5, students will elect the next Student Assembly President and Vice-President. Voting will take place online from midnight on the 5th for 24 hours, but there will be no voting in Beinecke.

Students can vote for one of two tickets. Ryan Morris '08 will run with Matt Linden '08 for the positions of President and Vice-President, respectively. Their competition will be Stuart Lombardi '09 and Martin Connor '09.

Platforms for the two tickets have been e-mailed to the campus and can be found in this issue of *The Spectator* on page 3.

Lombardi-Connor

Presidential hopeful Stuart Lombardi has been heavily involved in student government from the beginning of his time at Hamilton. He is currently serving his second term as President for the Class of '09 and chairs the Student Interest and Course Information committees.

"I've had an interest [in student government] for awhile and this is the next logical step," said Lombardi. "As my work over the past year and a half demonstrates, I take my job very seriously and have always approached my past work with the utmost commitment and energy."

"I felt this was the best way to continue [my work as class president]," he added.

As class president, Lombardi has organized, among other things, a bus trip to the Saranac Brewery, a Tex-Mex Hold 'Em tournament, and helped make course syllabi available to students.

Lombardi will be running with Marty Connor. Connor is a member of the Social Traditions Committee and the current Features editor of *The Spectator*. He will serve as the

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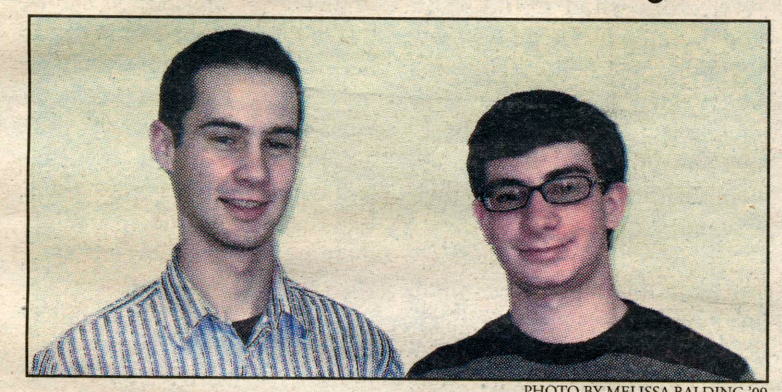

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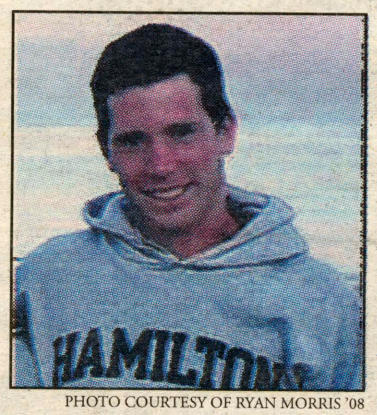
Martin Connor '09 and Stuart Lombardi '09.



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Ryan Morris '08.

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Matt Linden '08.

Recent rise in number of thefts on campus

by Emily Poe '10
COPY EDITOR

On Tuesday November 14, the Alumni Gym men's team locker room was broken into and numerous items were stolen from members of Hamilton's Varsity Men's Swimming and Diving Team.

The stolen items include cell phones, wallets, cash, IDs and even shoes. A second robbery occurred only three days later, on Friday November 17, in the same locker room and from the same team as the first break-in.

Although the electronic code that opens the only two doors to the men's locker room was changed following the first burglary, the thieves were still able to break into the locker room a second time.

"[We] think there was a crawl space that was used to get into the [locker room]," said Head Varsity Swimming and Diving Coach T.J. Davis. "There was obviously a breech in security of the room." Suspicious behavior around the dates of the break-ins, such as

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PHOTO COURTESY OF ANDREW PAPE '10

Wallets were among the items stolen from the Men's Varsity Swimming and Diving Team.

The Al Ham Pulse

by Eric Kuhn '09
EDITOR-AT-LARGE

Welcome to **The Al Ham Pulse**, a ticker about news you need (and want) to know. This is a new space in *The Spectator* that will display short news clips each week. Think of it as the serious version of Thumbs Up/Thumbs Down.

- **Changes at *The Spec*:** Two weeks ago, the editorial board went to New York City and spent a full day visiting executives, writers and correspondents at *The Columbia School of Journalism, The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal,* and *NBC News*. They learned about journalism and ways to improve this paper. Thus, over the next few weeks and months you will begin to see these changes (anyone catch the new design on the front page?!). Also, the Media Board voted **Martin Connor '09** as the new Editor-in-Chief.

- *The Chronicle of Higher Education* released on November 24, a list of college and university president's salaries. **Joan H. Stewart**'s 2004-5 pay was $292,837. Her 2004-5 benefits were $37,645, making her total compensation $330,482.

- New York Times writer **Joseph Berger** lectured yesterday on immigration and its effects on New York City and the world. After his lecture, he told *The Pulse*, "I found the Hamilton people I met throughout the day and at the lecture extremely curious, really attentive and really smart."

- Talking about the Times, **Dan Wittenberg**, *The Spectator*'s Editor of Photography, published a photo in the *New York Times* on November 5, 2006 in the Educational Life section. Congratulations, Dan!

- **The Continental** came out with the second issue. It featured an interview with Joseph Cross, star of "Running with Scissors," what to wear over the holiday season, ideas of how to "burst the Hamilton bubble," and a travel section highlighting New York City, Ireland and Prague. Pick up your copy today at the mail center, Opus I or outside the library.

- The **Annex in Beinecke** will be named the **Patricia and Winton Tolles Pavilion** in honor of the former long-time dean and his wife. The ceremony officially celebrating the naming will occur the first weekend in June 2007 during Reunion Weekend.

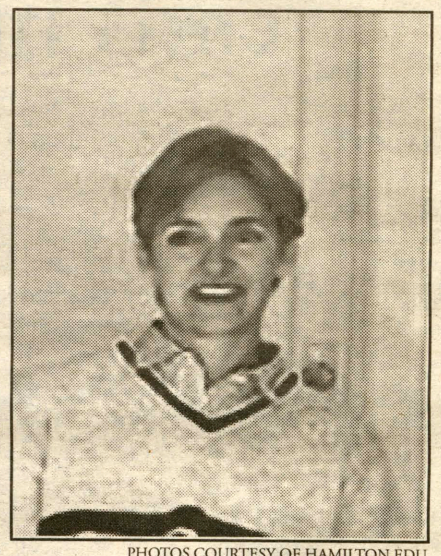
Have any ideas for the Al Ham Pulse? E-mail them to ekuhn@hamilton.edu.

Landry and Fisher discuss body image and students

by Alex Morgan '09
NEWS WRITER

The Counseling Center and Psychology Department sponsored a presentation on Wednesday entitled "How Did We Get to Size 0?" Senior Counselor, of Counseling and Psychological Services Jan Fisher and Visiting Professor of Psychology Kelly Landry addressed body image issues in today's society. Landry and Fisher feel that body image is a major problem in the United States, especially on college campuses. They created the presentation in order to open a dialogue on the subject.

Kelly Landry.



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Jan Fisher.

"We were talking about the fact that there is a size 0, a student informed me that there is even a size 00," said Landry. "Men's sizes don't have the same emotional significance that women's sizes do."

Fisher expressed her that to her astonishment many intelligent and successful students were concerned about their bodies and had a negative view towards their body size. She believes that as students' anxiety increases, the body image problem cuts into what they can accomplish and the quality of their lives.

Fisher compared the body image problem to being caught in a spider web; the more people fight to get out the more they get stuck. Women more often than men are the victims of body image disorders, but Fisher states that many men also experience these problems.

"I'd like to say that we're feeling more confident about our bodies, but more and more people are feeling bad about themselves," said Fisher. "Students don't have a good forum to talk about this and they don't realize that so many wonderful people struggle with these issues."

Landry discussed her experiences on other campuses, including Notre Dame, where she worked as a drug and alcohol counselor and noted how these schools differed from Hamilton. Hamilton, according to Landry does not have the same wide spectrum of body types that she has found at other larger schools. People at Hamilton tend to fall in the middle; many people are similar in size.

Landry asked the women and then the men in the room to raise their hands if they paid attention to what other people are eating. Many of the women immediately raised their hands, but the men tended to be more hesitant, indicating that they do not tend to focus as much on what other people eat.

Food, according to Fisher and Landry, can become a problem for college students. While there are students who constantly starve themselves to meet and impossible ideal, there are others that consume too much, sometimes as result of stress.

"Students experience stress not only in finals, but in coming to a new place, and in issues at home," said Landry. "Sometimes we turn to food as an escape."

Fisher and Landry mentioned the impact of the media on body image, indicating the bombardment of images presented in magazines and in television that influence the way young men and women think about their bodies.

The presentation concluded with a list of factors contributing to anxiety about body image relevant to college students. These factors included athletics, in which weight and appearance are emphasized; the dining hall environment that offers students endless amounts of food, and dating situations. "Sometimes we get to the college environment and we believe that appearance is the key to success in attracting another person," said Fisher. "This is connected to messages in the media."

College is a competitive environment where students drive themselves to succeed, often in the pursuit of perfection. Fisher and Landry believe that sometimes this pursuit of perfection can contribute to feelings of inadequacy including dissatisfaction with one's own body.

Students deny their own needs when they should be engaging in more self-care that reduces stress. Moderate exercise and having fun, according to Fisher and Landry, are important practices that are neglected by some students.

Landry emphasized that students should not compare the level of their achievements or physical characteristics to those of their classmates. Problems with body image often result from these comparisons.

"Try to find who you are that is the most positive," said Landry. "Continue to have conversations on these issues and continue to ask questions."

Congratulations, Marty!
Editor-In-Chief, 2007

Good luck!

Lombardi, Connor and Morris, Linden face off in race for Student Assembly offices

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editor-in-chief of *The Spectator* next semester.

"He's an incredibly qualified candidate," said Lombardi. "Marty was my first choice. He, like [vice-presidential candidate] Matt Linden, hasn't been elected to student government before. He brings the perspective of an outsider."

"Both Stuart and I are committed to addressing the issues that matter most to the student body and to orchestrating those necessary positive changes that will greatly and directly benefit the students on this campus," said Connor '09, explaining why he wants the position.

"The importance of student government is often overlooked. As Stuart Lombardi has demonstrated countless times over the last year and a half as class president, student government has the capacity to address extremely important issues to students."

According to their platform, Lombardi and Connor "will work to ensure that the ideals and goals of the Hamilton academic atmosphere are upheld, including working to further the emphasis on oral communication in Hamilton classes and guaranteeing that seniors are not blocked from courses outside their primary disciplines."

Lombardi's oral intensive plan is modeled on the current writing intensive classes, but wouldn't be required. He feels they would be important in helping graduates bring better oral communication skills into whatever they do after graduation.

Lombardi '09 also hopes to get the washers and dryers on a swipe card system, improve the lighting on the path to Bundy and "support and orchestrate events that will foster a greater sense of community."

"What I see myself bringing to the table is a lot of energy and a lot of devotion. I hope that comes across in the issues I've addressed in the past couple of years," said Lombardi '09. "It would be my honor to continue to bring energy, commitment and good ideas to the table, addressing issues that have a direct effect on the lives of Hamilton's students."

Morris-Linden

Ryan Morris has a lot of experience in Hamilton's student government. He is currently serving his second term as his class president and has been a member of the Facilities, Election and Funding committees.

"I really would like the opportunity to lead the student body to the best of my abilities. I feel I'm the right man for the job," Morris said.

Serving in the student government, he and his fellow class delegates have organized Bundy Brunches, ice skating, Feb Fest and a Class of '08 Thanksgiving dinner. Morris takes particular pride in his work for tonight's post-Orange Bowl party, complete with a Journey tribute band.

Morris's vice-presidential candidate is Matt Linden. Linden is involved with, among other things, the Buffers and the rugby team. He is currently studying abroad in Washington, D.C. and will return to this Hill next semester.

"Between me and Ryan, we represent a really large portion of the student population," Linden '08 said, explaining why he feels he and Morris are the best candidates for the job. "We represent the interests of a lot of different people."

Morris outlined a few of the issues he would like to work on as Student Assembly President, saying "From budget issues to school traditions, I'd like to improve communication between students, faculty and administration, as well as increase student involvement across campus."

According to Morris and Linden's platform, they would also like "to fix the persistent budget issues which continue to impair our campus clubs and societies [and] to revamp Hamilton's social traditions and school spirit."

"One of our main jobs would be to appropriate funds. It's a difficult job because…everyone wants a piece of the pie," Morris '08 explained. "I'd like to increase fundraising for each of the campus groups," he added, hopefully making the budgeting process go more smoothly while ensuring that all clubs get adequate funds.

Morris also targeted campus-wide communication as an issue that needs to be addressed.

"Every week, Hamilton offers many different lectures and presentations. We're bombarded with e-mails for these daily events," Morris explained. "I'd like to see a more centralized system for communicating, rather than being bombarded with separate emails."

"I would lead the Student Assembly with the utmost efficiency," Morris '08 claimed. "The students need leaders who are not only willing to listen to their concerns, but also to then make changes. There will always be issues arising, but I'll be ready to tackle them."

The Job

"I'm sorry to see my term end," said outgoing Student Assembly President Eileen Starrett '07. "But I'm excited about the two candidates for president. I'm confident that the Student Assembly will continue working for the students."

Student Assembly Candidate Platforms

Morris-Linden

Above all else, the Student Assembly President and Vice President should reflect the views and attitudes of the student body. We understand the issues, we recognize the problems, and we want to do everything we can to make Hamilton College all that it can be.

In terms of qualifications for the job, for the past two years Ryan Morris has served as President of the Class of 2008 as well as a member of the facilities, funding, and election committees. In those positions he has worked well with other class delegates in creating, coordinating, and managing numerous service and social events. His running mate, Matt Linden, is an outstanding member of the Junior Class and extremely well respected among his peers.

We have known one another since freshman year and we will work hard to improve relations as well as communication between the administration, faculty, and students; to fix the persistent budget issues which continue to impair our campus clubs and societies; to revamp Hamilton's social traditions and school spirit; to lead the Student Assembly with the utmost efficiency; and to always make ourselves open to issues and concerns of the student body. We would greatly appreciate your vote.

Lombardi-Connor

Experience: Stuart is currently serving his second term as the President of the Class of 2009 and chairs both the Student Interest and Course Information Committees. Marty currently serves on the Social Traditions Committee and is the Features Editor of The Spectator.

Accomplishments: Stuart has spearheaded a number of projects, including the Tex-Mex Hold 'Em tournament, the bus trip to the Saranac Brewery, and making course syllabi available to students both on the Hamilton website and on WebAdvisor. Marty has helped organize both Fall Fest and the Orange Bowl.

As President and Vice President, we will continue to address important student concerns. We will work to ensure that the ideals and goals of the Hamilton academic atmosphere are upheld, including working to further the emphasis on oral communication in Hamilton classes and guaranteeing that seniors are not blocked from courses outside their primary disciplines. We plan to support and orchestrate events that will foster a greater sense of community at Hamilton.

We hope our experience and accomplishments speak for our commitment and ability. We urge you to give us the honor of serving your interests over the next year.

If you have any questions, please email us at slombard@hamilton.edu and mconnor@hamilton.edu

First Hockeytown game at Clinton arena benefits local organizations

Clinton, N.Y.--Two area organizations will benefit from the first annual Hockeytown game featuring Hamilton College and Utica College Men's Hockey that will be played at Clinton Arena on Tuesday, Dec. 5, at 7 p.m.

Proceeds from ticket sales will be donated to the Clinton Youth Hockey program. Prices are $4 for adults and students, and $2 for children. Reserved tickets will be available on the Hamilton campus in the Beinecke Student Activites Village from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, Monday and Tuesday.

Fans attending the game are encouraged to bring canned goods that will be given to Hope House. The first 500 people that donate a canned item will receive a limited edition "Hockeytown" T-shirt.

The Hamilton Men's Hockey Team has selected their No. 1 fan, Clinton High School senior Tim Kinney, to drop the first puck. A youth hockey scrimmage is scheduled for the first period intermission and the Clinton Figure Skating Club will perform during the second intermission.

Music and free food will be available at 5 p.m. on the second floor of the arena for anyone who bought a ticket for the game. A free shuttle bus service between the arena and Hamilton's campus will be available from 5 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

The event is being organized by the Student Assembly Social Traditions Committee, Strategic Financial Services, the Office of Alumni Relations and HC Athletics.

Laptops, wallets among stolen items on campus

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PHOTO BY ANDREW PAPE '10

individuals climbing walls, was reported.

"The first break-in occurred on the first day we used the locker room, which was difficult because we were all so happy to finally have a place to store our stuff," said Christian Warner '07, captain of the Varsity Men's Swimming and Diving Team.

"All twelve members of our team had things stolen from them," said Warner. "I had a cell phone stolen the second time." Warner also said that two pairs of shoes were stolen from the same two team members at each break-in and that the "thief even left his own pair of shoes in the locker room after he took the pairs from [the] team."

"Everyone was especially upset the second time the thieves broke in because we were trying our best to keep everything safe," added Warner.

Coach Davis noted that the Physical Plant is presently working to fix the problems with the locker room. As of now, the crawl space has been blocked off and all of the Varsity Men's Swimming and Diving Team members have locks on their lockers.

Unfortunately, these are ajust a few of the many thefts that have occurred in recent weeks at Hamilton. A number of laptop computers have also been stolen from different locations throughout campus; one from a carrel in Burke Library, three from the TKE dog run in Dunham, and one from the Science Center, to name a few.

"Most of [these] are crimes of opportunity," said Director of Campus Safety Pat Ingalls, in regards to the recent thefts."Students shouldn't prop doors or leave personal property unattended for long periods of time because it provides [thieves] with the opportunity."

Ingalls advised students to write down the serial numbers of their computers, as these numbers are " the only way to identify and track [stolen computers]. Campus safety is even implementing a new system next year in which they will take down and file students' computer information. This way, if a computer is stolen, the identification for participating students' computers will be readily available for tracking. Although the new system cannot prevent thefts from occurring, it will help speed up the recovery process of stolen computers.

As for the recent laptop thefts, Ingalls said, "it's in the hands of the police now, [as] they have greater resources [than us]." In order to prevent further burglaries, Ingalls said that all members of the Hamilton community should try to "more aware and proactive."

"If you see someone suspicious call 4000 and [Campus Safety] will take it from there." added Ingalls. "Personal safety is a shared responsibility and students need to help us so we can help them."

Human Rights Week: December 4 - 8

Monday Dec. 4 -Letter writing in Annex 8:30-10:00 PM

Tuesday Dec. 5 -The movies "Les Madres: The Mothers of Plaza de Mayo" about political disappearances in Argentina and "Chile: The New Victims" at 8:00 in the Red Pit

Thursday Dec. 7 -The movies "Search for Freedom" about women's rights in Afghanistan and "Defending Women, Defending Rights" at 8:00 in Science Center Aud.

Friday Dec. 8- Candlelight vigil at the Chapel 7:00-7:30

THE SPECTATOR

Staff Editorial:

Students lose out in AHC decision

The Spectator is writing this editorial not only for the information of the student body, but also for the faculty who cannot speak up for themselves for fear of prosecution.

Anne D. Neal, American Council of Trustees and Alumni president said in a statement on November 30, "The students have lost at Hamilton. They would have benefited from the diverse ideas the Alexander Hamilton Center would have made available. But now they will not have the chance." While *The Spectator* only knows a little bit about what went behind closed doors in private meetings between President Stewart, Dean Urgo, and Professors Douglas Ambrose, James Bradfield and Robert Paquette, the founders of the Alexander Hamilton Center; what we do know is that Hamilton students have lost a great educational opportunity because people could not compromise. Neal points to the issue at stake: education. How dare this administration ruin that great chance just because they could not agree on a governance system or give legitimacy to primary faculty concerns? Human beings learn basic skills in Kindergarten: sharing, saying please, not bighting and yes, even listening skills.

We have lost, among other things, the opportunity for internships, fellowships, research stipends and a greater dialogue with other institutions of higher learning, in correspondence with the Center's mission to open up communication with outside colleges and universities and engage in serious scholarship.

Instead, the inadequacies of the administration have left us with yet again another bruise on our College, and a vacancy in our educational experience.

Since the founders approached President Stewart and Dean Urgo with their initial proposal for the Center, the administration has had countless faculty members express concern over the governance structure of the AHC and the degree of autonomy it could maintain from the College. Even the Committee on Academic Policy (CAP) voiced deep concerns, most of which fell on deaf ears. Stewart and Urgo pushed ahead with the Center, signing its Charter on September 6. We are extremely disheartened that they did not listen to the faculty to begin with, and lost the opportunity to make changes to the Charter that could have avoided this entire catastrophe, and given the founders a fair chance to revise their Charter accordingly, before receiving numerous donations and beginning serious programming plans.

From day one, Urgo and Stewart have stood by this Charter and Center, amid numerous concerns by the faculty. The founders never wrote anything in the Charter in one point font that only they could read. They wrote out everything with extreme clarity and Stewart and Urgo stood by it until the Board of Trustees told them there was a problem with the governance. How come Stewart and Urgo did not take all the signs from the faculty and listen to a majority of their staff about not backing this governance structure?

Their lack of consideration into these issues has cost us a great opportunity, one different from anything currently existing here at Hamilton, and one that we may now never get to see come to fruition, as the founders may take their ideas and programming off campus, and away from Hamilton's students. This is unacceptable; the good of Hamilton's students needs to be looked at above all and more effort needs to be put into reaching a compromise.

There is a Faculty Meeting this Tuesday, December 5 in the Events Barn at 4:10 p.m. Students should go to hear Stewart and Urgo answer to faculty inquires as to why they did not respond to the faculty's concerns to begin with. Furthermore, a strong student showing, at a meeting that is open to the entire campus, will demonstrate our dedication to our education and our great displeasure over the loss of this opportunity.

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Founders, administration cannot come to resolution over center's governance

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founders. "It became very clear that the founders had a very different idea of what the Center would be. [President Stewart] and I envisioned a Center of Hamilton College, where the founders saw it as really separate from the governance structure of the College," said Urgo. "You reach an agreement on principles, but when you start talking about the details you may start to disagree."

Both the faculty and the trustees believed the Center should go forward at Hamilton because of the educational opportunities. However, they were concerned that it would be too autonomous and separate from the College. "The trustees were extremely enthusiastic towards the Center; there was no disagreement on the value for the College," said Urgo. "They simply asked for clarification of the governance structure."

Elihu Root Peace Fund Associate Professor of Women's Studies Vivyan Adair expressed a similar opinion in regards to the faculty. "From the very beginning, the faculty was asking for nothing more than an accountable governance structure for the AHC; nothing more and nothing less. No one I spoke with wanted the program to not go forward. Now, many in the press are making the faculty look as if they're complicit at the very least. Faculty had nothing to do with the decision other than to suggest very early in the process that the charter was flawed," she said.

During discussions following the October faculty and trustee meetings it became clear that the founders and the administration had different perceptions of Hamilton's role in the governance of the AHC. "Hamilton has an ideal of shared governance, a community we all share…we talk about things a lot. With any program or initiative, we want it to be within these structures. The most valuable thing we have on College Hill is our community. Having a center not connected to the governance…is antithetical to that ideal," said Urgo.

On November 3 the administration presented the AHC founders with, according to Urgo, a dozen or so revisions to the original charter, which were formulated by trustees, Urgo and Stewart. "We offered a clarified document…the founders did not accept that. It was not what they had in mind and not what they wanted to do," said Urgo. The founders responded by creating a revised proposal that, according to Paquette, they believed answered the areas of concern raised by the trustees. The founders' included the following insertion:

"The Board of Overseers of the AHC ensures that its policies and operation comply with the resolutions of the Trustees of Hamilton College and their fiduciary responsibilities. The founders of the AHC recognize that violation of those resolutions, disregard of those responsibilities, or deviation from the center's scholarly mission as clearly defined in the charter may result in the removal of the AHC's executive director from his office by the president of Hamilton College and the Board of Trustees or the discontinuance of the center's funding by the College or both. This provision of the charter is irrevocable."

Urgo explained why this concession was unacceptable to the trustees and administration. "The problem with that compromise is that the only option it gives the president and the dean is to shut down the center entirely," he said. Urgo compared this arrangement to his jurisdiction over the English department. As it stands, Urgo hires professors and works with them to create the curriculum, which he ultimately has to approve. He works with the faculty to work out disagreements and problems. Urgo compared this insertion in the charter as giving him jurisdiction only to eliminate the entire English department in times of difficulty and controversy, rather than discussing and working through problems.

At a meeting on November 22, administrators and the AHC founders agreed that these issues could not be resolved and creation of the Center at Hamilton would be postponed indefinitely. In an email to the faculty, Urgo wrote, "We have agreed throughout our conversations that the Hamilton community would have been enriched by more professional contact with colleagues at other colleges…Where we have not reached agreement is on the governance structure of a center devoted to these aims on campus, its relationship to the College administration, to the Board of Trustees of Hamilton College, and to the wider, external community of scholars and supporters."

Paquette issued a statement to supporters of the AHC. "I regret to inform you that the Hamilton College administration has retreated from its previous agreement, publicly announced on 6 September, to support the creation of the AHC on campus. I have no intention, at this time, of pointing a finger of blame…Please know that I regard the recent events as the end of chapter, not end of story. The administration's backpedaling was not unanticipated by the founders of the AHC. The center continues to exist; it has financial backing; it is an attractive scholarly product that may well attract interest from others."

In a November 29 Utica *Observer-Dispatch* article, Paquette stated that the Center may move off campus if the founders cannot reach an agreement with the college. The article quoted Paquette saying, "The center lives, on paper. It has money to support it. It has even more money than the $3.6 million. Other people are willing to help, to the tune of hundreds of thousands, if not millions of dollars."

Urgo stressed that the administration would like to go ahead with some of the planned programming of the AHC as soon as next semester. "We are hoping to receive some of the programming that was described in the charter. We still have an agreement that the programming is wonderful; these are three of our most respected faculty members," he said. However, in the *Observer-Dispatch* article, Urgo also stated that "plans for a cohesive center are no longer in play, at least for now." Funds already raised or donated to the AHC through Hamilton will be returned, according to Urgo, unless the donors want to slate their donations for other resources. Donors could, however, repledge their money to the Center should it follow through with its plans to move off campus.

Urgo stressed that there were no hard feelings between the administration and the AHC founders. "[The decision] was very cordial and amicable. My respect remains very high for these three faculty members," he said. As far as the image of the College, Urgo said this is "not a catastrophe." "We are looking for the next opportunity, going about business as an academic institution," he said.

December Movie Channel Line-up:

Spy Game
The Bourne Identity
The Bourne Supremacy
The DaVinci Code
You, Me and Dupree
Superman Returns
Elf

Films will be playing in order on channel 54.

Students and Faculty Report their academic experiences

by Hampoll staff
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Between November 8 and 11, 437 students and 69 faculty members participated in an online survey administered by Hamilton's Polling Organization to study opinions on academic topics.

The results show 59 percent of respondents do not believe the College provides them with enough information about courses before registration begins. 62 percent of students support requiring the provision of a class syllabus before registration begins. Similarly, 60 percent of students believe professors' course evaluations should be made public. On the other hand, only seven percent and three percent of faculty members who responded to this survey support these two requirements, respectively. An area of agreement is requiring Writing-Intensive courses, which has the support of 79 percent percent of students and 91 percent of faculty members.

Additionally, only 10 percent of students and 23 percent of faculty members think that Sophomore Seminars should be required. 41 percent of student and faculty respondents support the introduction of Oral-Intensive course requirements.

The survey also asked students how often they have violated the Honor Code. Table 1 breaks down the responses by major. Results include respondents who said they rarely, sometimes or frequently violated the Honor Code. Since violating the Honor Code can take many forms, and is not limited to courses within a student's major, we cannot know what courses suffer the most from these violations. Fifty-one percent of economics majors or intended economics majors report violating the Honor Code at least rarely while 13 percent of History majors report violating the Honor Code.

Another major result shows 88 percent of the student body is either satisfied or very satisfied with the performance of professors in their department. On the other hand, only 74 percent of students said that there were enough resources, such as classes or faculty among others, available for them to use in their department. The breakdown by department is shown in the table below. We notice that 43 percent of Economics majors and 82 percent of Arts majors reported having a lack of resources while 91 percent of natural science majors said that they have enough, or more than enough resources for them to use in their departments. Furthermore, more than 90 percent of language and social science majors (excluding economics, government, and history) said they were satisfied with the performance of professors in their department.

When interpreting these results, it is important to note that the samples might not be representative of the population of each concentration. In addition, given the sample sizes, some differences in percentages might not be statistically significant.

Table 1

Percentage of students and faculty who said the following should be required	STUDENTS	FACULTY
Providing a syllabus before registration	62%	7%
Making course evaluations public	60%	3%
Sophomore seminars	23%	10%
Writing-intensive courses	79%	91%
Oral-intensive courses	41%	41%

Table 2

Major/Intended major	Percentage of students who said they violated the Honor Code	Number of respondents
Economics	51%	37
Psychology	47%	30
Humanities	40%	53
Languages	38%	21
Natural Sciences	33%	109
Other Social Sciences	33%	36
Mathematics & Computer Science	30%	33
Government/World Politics/ Public Policy	27%	82
History	13%	24
Arts	9%	11

Table 3

Major/ Intended major	Student satisfaction with professors	Student satisfaction with resources
Other Social Sciences	91.70%	67%
Languages	90.50%	81%
Mathematics & Computer Science	87.90%	67%
Natural Sciences	84.40%	91%
Government/World Politics/Public Policy	84.10%	78%
Psychology	83.30%	87%
History	83.30%	75%
Economics	75.70%	57%
Humanities	75.50%	58%
Arts	45.50%	18%

Thumbs up

- As it gets harder to smuggle fruit into the Citrus Bowl, Hamilton students reinvent 'chocolate covered oranges.'

- If *The Wag* only does one thing this semester, it should be creating J.H.S.'s facebook profile...Oh, wait, that is the only thing they have done.

- If Al Gore comes to campus, will we lose the not-so-inconvenient effects of Global Warming?

- Pink bike mysteriously surfaced in the Diner stream. Physical plant takes immediate action by strategically positioning a caution cone…

Thumbs down

- The Dog Pound gets kicked out for being loud and obnoxious…Good thing the cheerleading squad can fill that quota.

- The idea of a band covering Journey is almost as insulting as the idea that Britney Spears can successfully remake "Satisfaction."

- Before break, Commons serves buttered noodles with a side dish of "we really aren't trying at all anymore" soup.

- Sophomore Seminar now optional... just like sticking your face in a blender.

by Stephen Allinger '09 & Tyler Zink '07

Who cares

- Getting *The Continental* in your mailbox puts that whole Anthrax scare in perspective.

- New "Hamilton Adult Film" category for the 24 hour film festival: Never has there Benedict in her Blood Juice Bar.

- "How was your Thanksgiving?" Cause if you didn't get disowned or make out with your cousin, I really don't care.

- Al Ham Center gives it up faster than a blonde freshman next to the dumpster at the Pub.

Babel: the failure of Sophomore Seminars

by Alex Seserman '09
INSIGHTS & IDEAS WRITER

Earlier this year there was a move by the faculty to make Sophomore Seminars optional. This can, and should, be seen as a realization by professors that Sophomore Seminars are a failure. Sophomore Seminars failed to create unity amongst different disciplines. They may help sophomores to prepare and give oral presentations, but the seminars fail to adequately establish a constructive dialogue between disciplines, the core principle of liberal arts academia.

The Sophomore Seminars failed primarily because of their focus on interesting but trivial topics. They looked at *The Matrix* and 1968 instead of trying to create a functional dialogue for interdisciplinary unity. Looking over the course catalogue it is unimaginable that anyone missed the copious amount of seminars on globalization. Wonderful, that allows professors to pair the vague field of economics with everything from cinema to religion, creating economic classes disguised as practical applications of theory.

Looking over the Seminars offered, one gets a sense that there are two types of classes offered: those that should not be considered interdisciplinary (Opera), and those that try too hard to find an obscure interdisciplinary niche (Performing Politics: Gender and Sexuality). Because of the variety of classes it is very hard to say that they are all trivial, but it is hard to find any one seminar that truly represents what interdisciplinary education should be about. Unless you look at all the class paired with literary studies, because it seems anything can be made interdisciplinary by adding a literature requirement (i.e. Infinity and Then Some).

Seminars that try to encompass a whole horde of disciplines also fail in their objective because they fail to convey any real understanding. They jump from topic to topic almost haphazardly without being able to create any unity in the material. It is up to the students to be able to see the unity, something it does not seem the teachers are able to convey. Of course, it should be up to us to make the connections, but the unity should be there, not something we need to artificially create. It should be clearly demonstrated by the professors that there is a cohesiveness to be discovered.

In an ideal world, students take the classes that interest them. Yet, due to the limited and coerced enrolment, many students find themselves in classes they do not enjoy. Why should we be forced to take trivial classes merely to fulfill a requirement? In the spirit of capitalism, we should have done away with the underperforming classes, instead of forcing students into them. Even though a variety of classes should indicate that "there is something for everyone even if its not your first choice," this is, bluntly, not the case.

An interdisciplinary class should focus on bridging the gap in the way that the disciplines talk about their subject matter. It should not be an exploration of a topic from two different perspectives. It should be the unity of these two perspectives in order to come to understand a topic more completely. Such classes would not only benefit students, but the professors as well.

It is interesting to bridge the gap between two fields as different as art and physics, and this should be done, but it should not be done at the expense of something that could actually benefit us. Classes like this are why people are skeptical of academia, class that are so far removed from everyday experience that they have seemingly no bearing on the world. It seems a waste of time, money and effort.

Where are the classes on gender studies? Is there any class that tries to explain how sociology, psychology, anthropology, biology and philosophy understand gender? No, instead we have a class that analyzes gender in the context of political theater and another that analyzes gender in the context of political protest; awesome, an excellent education in the trivial at the expense of the essential. Gender infiltrates every humanities discussion, so is it not fitting to allot it the time it demands?

> "We should still preserve the spirit of a liberal art education by having more interdisciplinary classes within the scope of our areas of study."

The greatest hurdle in interdisciplinary studies is the academic system itself. Once knowledge is placed into "neat" little boxes, it is hard to see how much correlation there is between the boxes. We see knowledge as being contained within these boxes simply because we attach a label to it. We are fooled into ignoring the unity. Each field develops their own jargon further complicating the process. You talk about agency in sociology and free will in philosophy as if they are two completely different concepts. Interdisciplinary classes should combat the proliferation of this unnecessary jargon.

Interdisciplinary classes should allow students to learn about something relevant to their discipline without having to go through introductory classes. If I wanted to learn about gender, I should not have to take an introductory class in psychology, biology and sociology. I should be able to take a class that synthesizes these approaches. These types of classes should allow students to learn about essential general concepts in a very complete way.

The failure of Sophomore Seminars should not be replaced merely with Oral Intensive classes but with classes that promote interdisciplinary communication. The Sophomore Seminars were a noble but deeply misguided effort. We should not do away with an attempt at promoting interdisciplinary classes; but it should be a better one.

A liberal arts education attempts to provide us with a general overview of subject matters. Getting rid of core requirements has inhibited this goal, but has allowed us to take classes we want. Yet, we should still preserve the spirit of a liberal arts education by having more interdisciplinary classes within the scope of our areas of study. Most importantly we should have an open dialogue between disciplines in order to bridge the gaps that the departmentalization of academia has created.

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

I write in response to your editorial of November 17, 2006, lamenting the lack of faculty involvement in students' lives and asking us to put our money where our mouths are. A year ago in September, in response to comments by Trustee Barrett Seaman and Dean Phil Klinkner, I did an informal survey of faculty involvement on campus and sent a letter summarizing of those activities to *The Spectator*. As what I said in that letter does not appear to have stuck in anyone's mind, I would like to re-present it here., the only caveat being that the data is about one year out of date, so it is possible that some data has changed in the places where I name names. The information has not changed in essence.

First, faculty are actively involved with student learning outside the classroom and outside the traditional academic day. When I sit in Café Opus on Tuesday and Thursday evenings for my office hours, I see the Theater faculty and the Music faculty, who are here every evening and quite late at that; other faculty wander through with less predictability, but they are there. On the weekends, the English department regularly has to quarrel with Campus Safety about opening Root Hall so that we can conduct tutorials (otherwise students have to come tap on our windows to be let into the building). The Science Building is hopping in the evenings and on weekends, with both students and faculty.

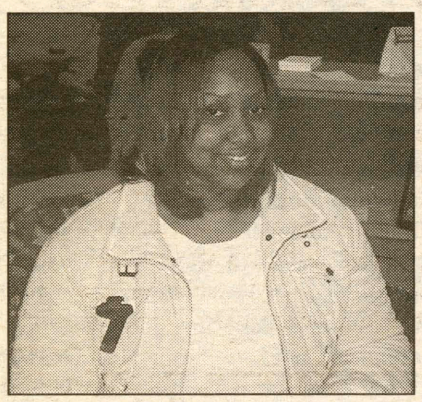
Faculty take students on field trips, which can be day-trips, overnights, or involve extended domestic or foreign travel, organize study and review sessions, eat at language tables, and arrange for films, lectures, panels, concerts, and other course-related events. We respond to e-mails and take telephone calls at home in the evenings. One colleague in the social sciences uses an Instant Messenger account so that student can contact him whenever he is on the internet. All of these activities are central to our mission on campus, which is to be teachers. These activities supplement the work of teaching—preparing and teaching classes, designing and responding to assignments, conferring with students in labs, in office hours, in studios, and on stage—which is our core responsibility on this campus.

Faculty also attend concerts, plays, lectures, and films on campus sponsored by other faculty or by student organizations; we support our students by attending their recitals and senior theater project performances, their Emerson grant presentations and senior project presentations. Sally Cockburn and Bob Simon formally coach sports, but about twenty other faculty members serve as advisors to varsity teams. Then, following their own passions and interests, many faculty advise and participate in student clubs and campus organizations, from academically oriented activities such as Mock Trial and Model UN, to political action and interest groups such as VOX, Rainbow Alliance, and La Vanguardia, to pure pleasure, such as the Bike Co-op, WHCL, the Chess Club, and the Ornithology Club. These advisory roles do not count as committee work and the connections have been initiated by students: the college policy is that student organizations are run by students, not by faculty advisors, so no student organization has to accept advice or interference. Student organizations are student-led and student-run.

More informally many faculty sing with students and community members in the Oratorio Society on Sunday nights. Jonathan Vaughan and Onno Oerlemans play cello in the college orchestra; Richard Stahnke filled in as the pianist for the Jazz Combo. Seth Major has offered Scottish Country Dance as both a PE credit and as an informal club. Several faculty members have been regular attendees at Sunday chapel services; at least one other faculty member organizes rides to church services off-campus, and faculty members serve as advisors for various religious and spiritual groups on campus. Faculty attend athletic events and invite students to their homes for meals; faculty bring their families to events on campus.

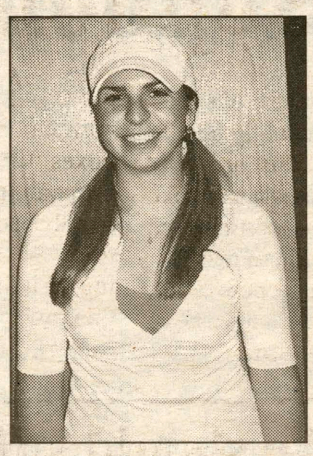
The list could go on. But I think two things should be strikingly clear from this mass of information: the faculty are an active and visible presence on this campus throughout the day and evening hours, weekdays and weekends. We are here because we have academic obligations to our students and because we enjoy the other opportunities available to us and to them. I suggest that, instead of attacking the faculty because not enough people showed up at an extremely crowded and uncongenial event on Parents Weekend—plenty of faculty were present at student performances and sporting events that same weekend—the Student Assemby and the President's Office consider ways to provide potential points of contact between students' families and faculty that are more conducive to genuine conversation. Other institutions host events that could provide us with models.

Margaret Thickstun
Elizabeth J. McCormack Professor of English



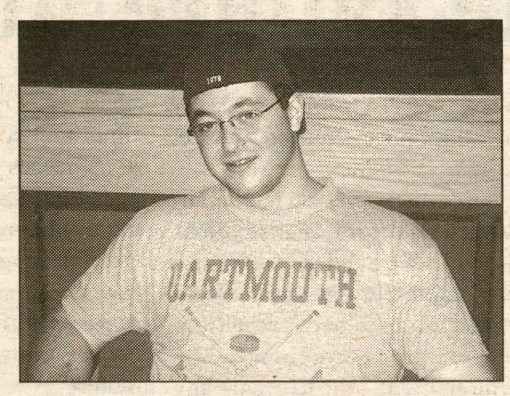
"It was fun. My nephew called me 'Auntie' for the first time: he is one year old and it was so cute."

~Ebony Doyle '10



"I ate till I passed out."

~Molly McGaughan '09



"I did absolutly nothing and I loooved it."

~Tim Nussbaum '07

"It was really fun not to be doing homework all week and I ate a lot."

~Emily Alinikoff '07

Hamilton Unscripted

This week's question: How was your Thanksgiving break?

by Nonny Chizea '08 & Kazare Lowe '10

"Romo threw five touch downs...the Giants are next, ENOUGH SAID."

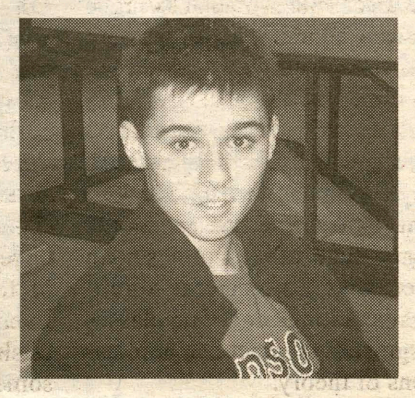
~Felix Ramirez '07

"I spent 14 hours on a train to Chicago."

~Emrhan Slaton '10

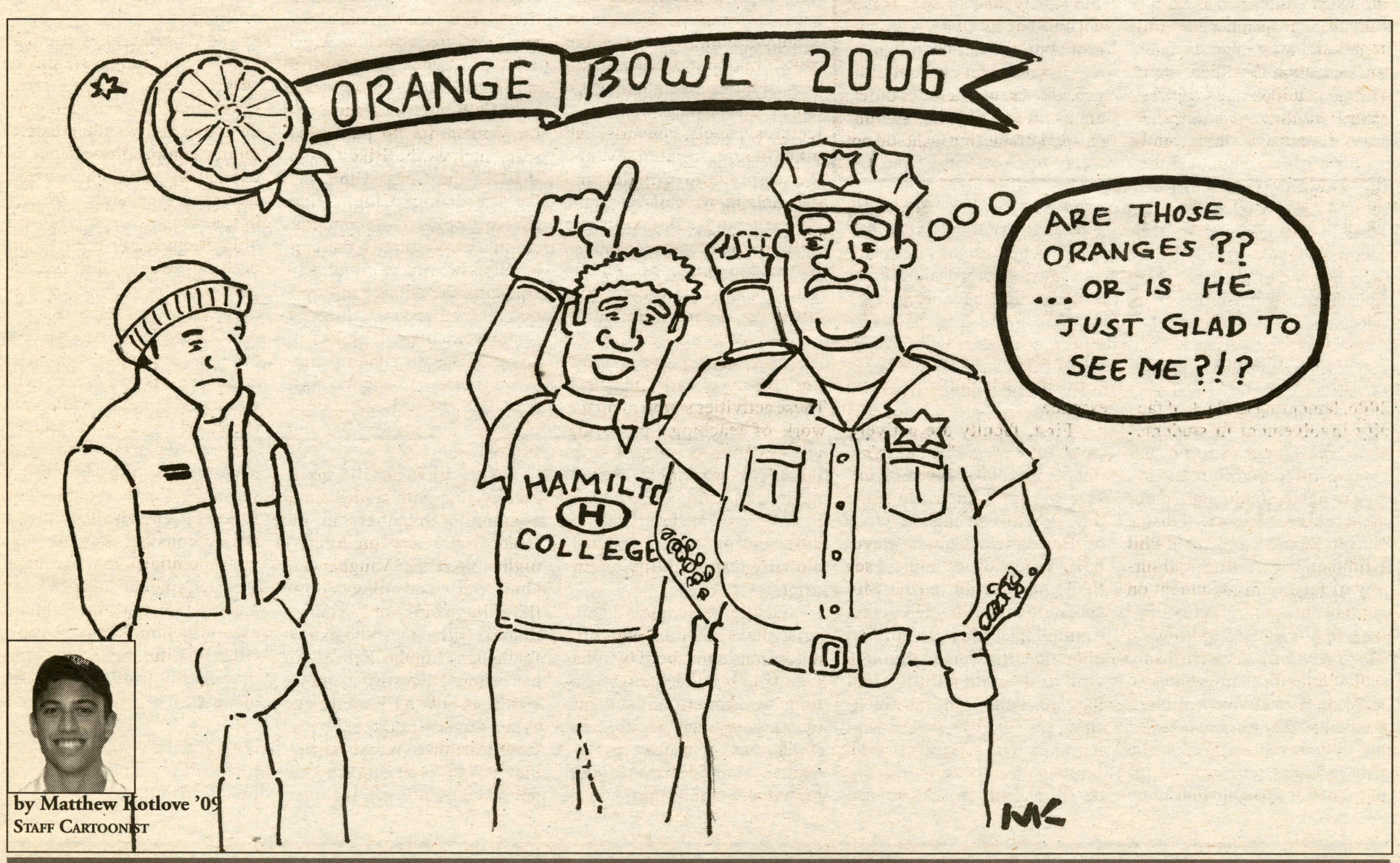
"My thesis was my Thanksgiving dinner."

~John Porges '07



"It was good to see family I hadn't seen in a long time."

~Tim Oliva '09



by Matthew Kotlove '09
Staff Cartoonist

Cafe Opus takes it to the house blend and beyond

by Mallory Reed '10
FEATURES WRITER

Café Opus has long been a Hamilton favorite for inventive vegetarian fare, scrumptious baked goods, delicious coffee and more. For years, the original Café Opus in the McEwen lounge has been a popular spot for the Hamilton Community to gather for meals, studying, meetings and music. Now, with the addition of O_2 in the Science Center, there is even more for students, faculty, staff and families to love about Café Opus. Yet, what do we really know about the history and philosophy behind this Hamilton institution? When and how did it come to fruition and who is responsible for all the delectable food and drink that is Café Opus?

The idea for Café Opus began when Sarah Goldstein followed her husband, Professor of Economics Christophre Georges, to Hamilton in the late 1980s and "couldn't find a place to get a good cup of coffee." She met Larry Bender, the husband of Professor of French Martine Guyot-Bender, and discovered he was in the same conundrum. Thus, with the desire to provide the Hamilton Community with some quality java, Goldstein and Bender began to brainstorm with the College. After a few years of discussion, they finally entered into a contract to open Café Opus in the McEwen Lounge. This winter, Café Opus will celebrate its twelfth year in operation.

PHOTO BY MELISSA BALDING '09

Cafe Opus is providing quality coffee, quality food, and a quality atmosphere for the twelfth year.

According to Goldstein, Café Opus started small but is constantly "changing, developing and getting bigger." The space in McEwen was once even smaller than at present when a hallway cut through the café. However, Goldstein feels McEwen is a "great location," as it "feels like a family room and the windows and walkways allow you to feel like part of the flow." No matter the time of day, professors, students and staff can be found enjoying a book or conversation over a cup of tea or coffee. According to Goldstein, "There's a real see and be seen mentality."

The cozy and friendly atmosphere of Opus makes for a great spot to study, socialize and relax. In the beginning, the area was furnished with mostly Salvation Army purchases. Yet when the College offered to help, Opus employees made sure there was no matching furniture. Goldstein said, "We want it to be comfortable enough that people can put their feet up." She added, "It's like a family room, not a living room."

Café Opus has thrived throughout the ongoing evolution of Hamilton College. According to Goldstein, "Opus is flexible and changes with the campus as it changes." Although the cuisine serves only vegetarian dishes because of the small space and difficulty dealing with meat and health codes, Café Opus has found a niche with its healthy and inventive food choices. Goldstein said, "There are always new things you can do as different greens, grains, veggies and protein sources increase in popularity." She called it a "food evolution" and said, "You don't have to get stuck in a certain mindset."

At the original Café Opus, lunch is served Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and consists of a choice of soup and entrée. $3.50 a plate and $2.50 a cup will buy all sorts of culinary delights, from mushroom bisque and tomato lime soup to quesadillas with jimaca salad and curried vegetables over basmati rice. Goldstein says she tries to include two different kinds of cuisine as well as one dairy and one nondairy selection for choice. In the Science Center, O_2 has expanded its choices to include a daily salad and hummus, along with snacks such as yogurt, granola and bagels.

Recipes are derived from a variety of sources, such as family recipes, cookbooks and even staff creations. According to Goldstein, it's fun to "just stick your head in the fridge and invent things." She added, "People are always game to try new things." International students have also given employees suggestions and demonstrations on various ethnic dishes from sushi to Indian food. However, even though tastes change, there are always the stock favorites such as the Mango and Brie Panini.

When Café Opus first opened, espresso and other strong coffees were foreign to the area. However, Goldstein said that, although most of the first orders were all for traditional drip coffee, now the espresso drinks are the most popular. Coffees are all French roast and fair-trade certified by Equal Exchange. Espresso at Café Opus comes from a small roaster in New Haven, CT. Goldstein said working with the smaller companies and businesses allows for further flexibility.

Many Hamiltonians know the sheer delight of a freshly baked chocolate chip cookie from Café Opus. Baked goods such as cookies, biscotti and scones are all made from scratch from family recipes that have been adapted for larger-scale production. Muffins are baked from dough from a Boston-based company and come in a variety of flavors, from pumpkin to cinnamon chip. Goldstein said that dough is frozen so treats can be baked all day long, as "smell is our best advertiser."

There are many people behind the scenes of Café Opus. Although Larry Bender is currently overseas in France with his wife as she oversees the Hamilton Junior Year in France Program, Goldstein says he will be back and forth during the year. Bender and Goldstein are co-owners and co-managers of Café Opus and O_2. However, all employees are students at Hamilton and are hired through the College. There are currently 26 employees to help with food preparation, banking, bookkeeping, menu planning and more. Goldstein said that Hamilton has helped by subsidizing student labor costs so that the hours could be extended to late nights. Opus hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. The Café closes at 5pm on Friday and reopens at 7:30 p.m. until 11:30 p.m. on Sunday. Additionally, O_2 is open noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays.

Goldstein said, "It has always been important that we enjoy what we are doing and people enjoy coming." She says that Café Opus has had great luck with student workers and that she loves to develop relationships with the employees. She said that she "goes to graduation every year and blows her nose like all the parents." Café Opus has become a real community where student workers get to DJ their workspace, experiment with cooking, socialize and earn a bit of cash. Goldstein said that Café Opus is just "going with the flow" and it is "doing more business every year." She added, "We just want to make great food in a comfortable environment."

What's Up This Week at Hamilton

MONDAY

Daily Prayer-
12:00 PM - Chapel Lounge

President Stewart's Open Hour-
1:30 PM - Cafe Opus

Playwriting Showcase-
4:00 PM - J. Tyler Theatre

AAF Meeting-
8:00 PM - Chapel Lounge

TUESDAY

Newman Mass-
12:00 PM - Chapel

Hamilton Republicans-
7:00 PM - Benedict 104

Men's Ice Hockey vs. Utica College-
7:00 PM - Clinton Arena
(buses will depart from ELS)

WEDNESDAY

Meditation Group-
7:00 PM - Chapel Lounge

Voices of Color Lecture: Rosie Perez-
7:30 PM - Chapel

Prayer Meeting-
9:00 PM - Chapel Lounge

THURSDAY

Newman Mass-
12:00 PM - Chapel

Hamilton College Orchestra Winter Concert-
8:00 PM - Wellin Hall

FRIDAY

Immaculate Conception Mass-
12:00 PM - Chapel

Juggling Club-
4:00 PM - Science Center Atrium Lawn

Fall Semester Classes end-
5:00 PM

Wireless access scheduled to arrive far sooner than expected

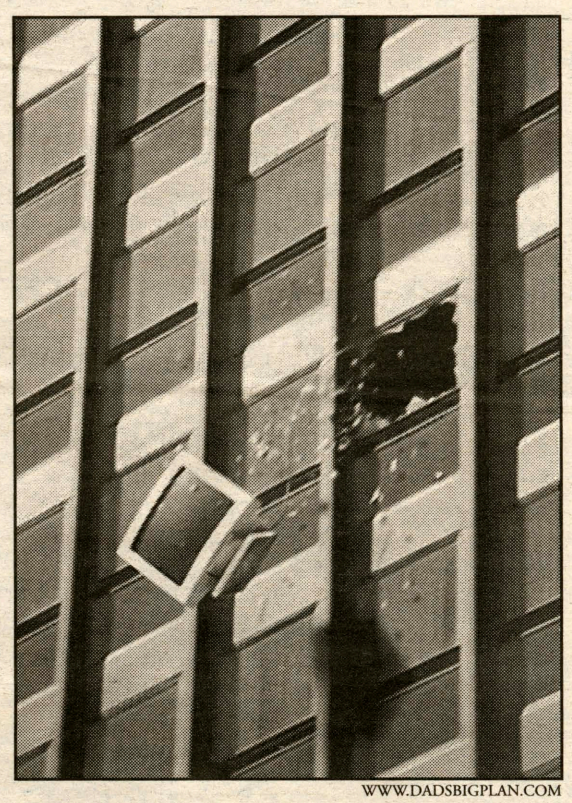
by Chelsea Mann '09
FEATURES WRITER

Can you imagine spending a year at Hamilton without a cell phone or laptop computer? According to the outrageous student usage statistics, chances are you cannot. ITS (Information Technology Services) reports that 97 percent of college students are now bringing computers to campus, 92 percent of which are laptops, most with wireless access. As technology advances, so, too, do the number of people who refuse to settle for anything less than a super speedy telephone or Internet connection. With busy schedules, quick and easy access becomes not only a convenience, but a necessity as well.

The ITS department has recognized the advantages of speedy connections through its gradual implementation of wireless access on campus. "We have been implementing wireless access gradually over the last five years," explains David Smallen, vice president for Information Technology. "The initial focus has been on providing access in buildings where students gather to study and work together (e.g., Burke Library, Science Center, Beinecke Village, McEwen and KJ). In the last couple years, we have tried our first experiments in wireless access in resident halls by equipping Wertimer House and Kirkland Residence Hall with wireless access." Smallen considers wireless buildings particularly helpful in facilitating student-student and student-professor collaborations. "Every time I walk through the Science Center, I see a faculty member and student huddled around a laptop working on some sort of project. It is convenient not to have to worry about finding a place to plug it in."

Originally, campus-wide wireless access was not scheduled for full instillation for another three years. However, thanks to a very generous alumnus, we can look forward to such access by the fall of 2007. More specifics about the implementation schedule will be available by late January.

Joseph Karam, director of Network and Telecommunication Services, is handling the implementation of the wireless project. He explains that Wireless Access Point devices will be installed on the ceiling of dorms at spacings of approximately 100-200 feet, meaning that dorms as large as Dunham may have fifteen while others like the Farm House may only receive five. Installing these devices raises the challenge of appropriate positioning and proper protection. Anyone who has had the opportunity to observe a Wireless Access Point device for himself will attest to the fact that they are not the most aesthetically pleasing objects. ITS realizes this and will work with Physical Plant to strategically place them in attractive locations. Theft is another issue raised by the installation of Wireless Access Point devices on dorm ceilings. A few have already been stolen out of Beinecke village in areas in which they were particularly exposed. ITS hopes to reduce instances of theft by installing an additional locked, plastic case around the device.



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Don't throw your computer out the window next year, just the wires!

With respect to wireless functioning, Karam warns that "while Wireless Access Point devices work well with email-checking and web-browsing, they are much slower with downloading large files of music or other material." He explains that the connection speed will be slower for such downloads because more than thirty students will be sharing the same wireless device. Karam suggests that students plug their laptops into the network jack in order to avoid these problems when conducting complex computer processes. The multiple sharing of one wireless device also raises another issue: the potential for the interruption of Internet connections. Karam emphasizes that students will less likely encounter this problem if they stop bringing their own Wireless Access Points to dorm rooms, an action which Hamilton prohibits. ""Next year we will be more stringent about enforcing this rule because using two devices could potentially disturb the connection for all students," he explains.

These minor issues are clearly outweighed by the advantages of extending wireless access to the entire Hamilton Campus. Thanks to the generosity of a Hamilton alumni donor and work by ITS faculty, Hamilton students, with the exception of seniors and those studying abroad, can look forward to a wireless fall in 2007.

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Weekly SuDoku Puzzle

by Martin Connor '09
FEATURES EDITOR

SuDoku- The Number Sensation that's Sweeping the Nation:
This week's puzzle is a bit harder!
Enjoy!
Just fill every box with the numbers 1-9 so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains each number only once!

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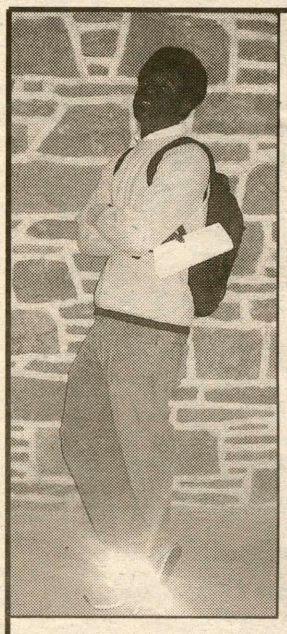
Hamilton *Style:* Student Fashions

by Nonny Chizea '08
Features Fashion Columnist

Last year I declared Martin's Way the Runway of Hamilton College; it is the one place on campus where everyone actually sees what you are wearing. I decided to visit the runway and find eight fashion forward students. Unfortunately, on that gloomy Wednesday lunch hour there were barely any students in sight. So, I decided to take my search elsewhere. After walking around campus for about half an hour I noticed that Hamilton is becoming less preppy (with a few exceptions). It seems like high fashion is giving Nantucket red a run for its money. Additionally, it seems now that there are and will continue to be new ways to describe the typical Hamilton student.

On my agenda was to scope, stalk and photograph eight very fashionable students. It was hard, but after following about 15 different people, I nailed down my choices. Below you will see four boys and four girls each with their own individual style and each with confidence in their sense of self.

As I have mentioned in a previous issue of Hamilton Style, it is not who you are wearing or what you are wearing that matters, but how you wear it. The great thing about fashion is that everyone has the right to make their own styles and I believe these eight students embody that. Enjoy!



Maxwell Akuamoah-Boateng '09

Hometown: Accra, Ghana
Concentration: Major in Biology, minor in Art
Style Icon: Hip-Hop & R&B star Akon

Max wears gray new balance sneakers, brown corduroy trousers, a black undershirt, white polo and a gray sweater. His outfit shows the typical style of an athletic student, simple yet classic –great for class, the movies or, as he enjoys, "playing Fifa on PS-2."

Amanda Frew '09

Hometown: Wilton, CT
Concentration: Art History
Style Icon: Kate Moss

Most students are afraid to try and mix new styles, but not this girl. Amanda wears dark straight-leg jeans and tucks them into her knee-high brown boots (this season's flagship of style), however, she adds her own twist of contrasting colors and accessories of a long sleeve blue shirt, a green cardigan, a cream scarf, a dark brown leather bag, a brown belt and pearl earrings. Originality has once again prevailed!

Fenglin Zhao '10

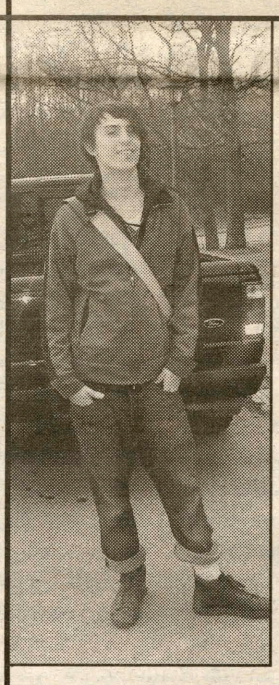
Hometown: Chongqing, China
Concentration: undecided
Style Icon: Misha Barton

Fenglin's casual outfit consists of knee high boots with big gold buckles (another season must have). She also wears straight-leg jeans and a black lace tank top. Fenglin makes relaxed-casual look chic by adding an over sized zip-up hoodie (a great buy)!

Ghiane Jones '07

Hometown: Chicago, IL
Concentration: Economics & Philosophy
Style Icon: Beyonce

Do not be surprised if in a few years Ghiane Jones becomes a style icon herself. Ghiane embodies grace and class, which very few ladies can achieve. Here she wears a leopard print tube dress (another season must have), adorned with a red belt across her waist. Her accessories include red beaded hoop earrings and black peep-toe shoes. Her outfit is great to wear on a night out on the town and even the Pub.



Sebastian Heilpern '10

Hometown: Argentina/ New York City
Concentration: Major in Biology, minor in Music
Style Icon: Charles Darwin

Sebastian's style reminds me of British brothers Liam & Noel Gallagher of Oasis who are never afraid to try something new. Sebastian wears brown ankle boots, gray socks, cuffed jeans, a brown belt a zip-up jacket, a navy blue hoodie and a light blue tee shirt. Hoodies and zip-ups are a closet must for you men out there this season.

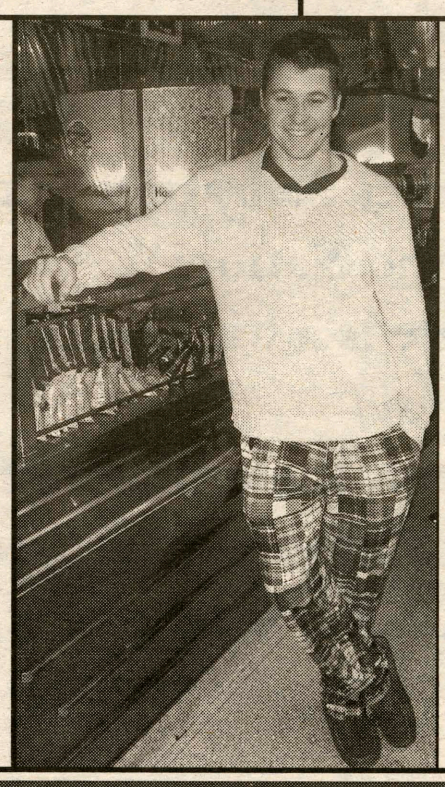
Anna Barnard '10

Anna wears bronze flats, straight-leg jeans, a white t-shirt and a light black sweater. For accessories, she keeps it simple with a watch and a darker braided bronze hobo. Her look is simple and laid back. In addition to combining three of fall and winter's must have's: flats, straight-leg jeans and braided hobo's.

Keenan Reilly '07

Hometown: Winnetka, IL
Concentration: Major in Creative Writing, minor in Anthropology

If there is anyone who has a great sense of his own style, it is Keenan Reilly. He always has something interesting and individual to show. Keenan wears brown loafers, straight-leg jeans, a brown belt, a white t-shirt, an orange puffer jacket and a pair of aviators, which are also a fashion must!



Nicholas S.R. Woodall '07

Hometown: Taos, NM
Concentration: Major in Psychology, minor in Studio Art

The Madras Plaid made its debut in the 60s and has continued to find its way into the wardrobes of youngsters. Nick presents an exceptional blend of Hamilton Yesterday and Hamilton Today. He wears brown moccasins, Madras plaid trousers, a navy blue polo and a yellow sweater.

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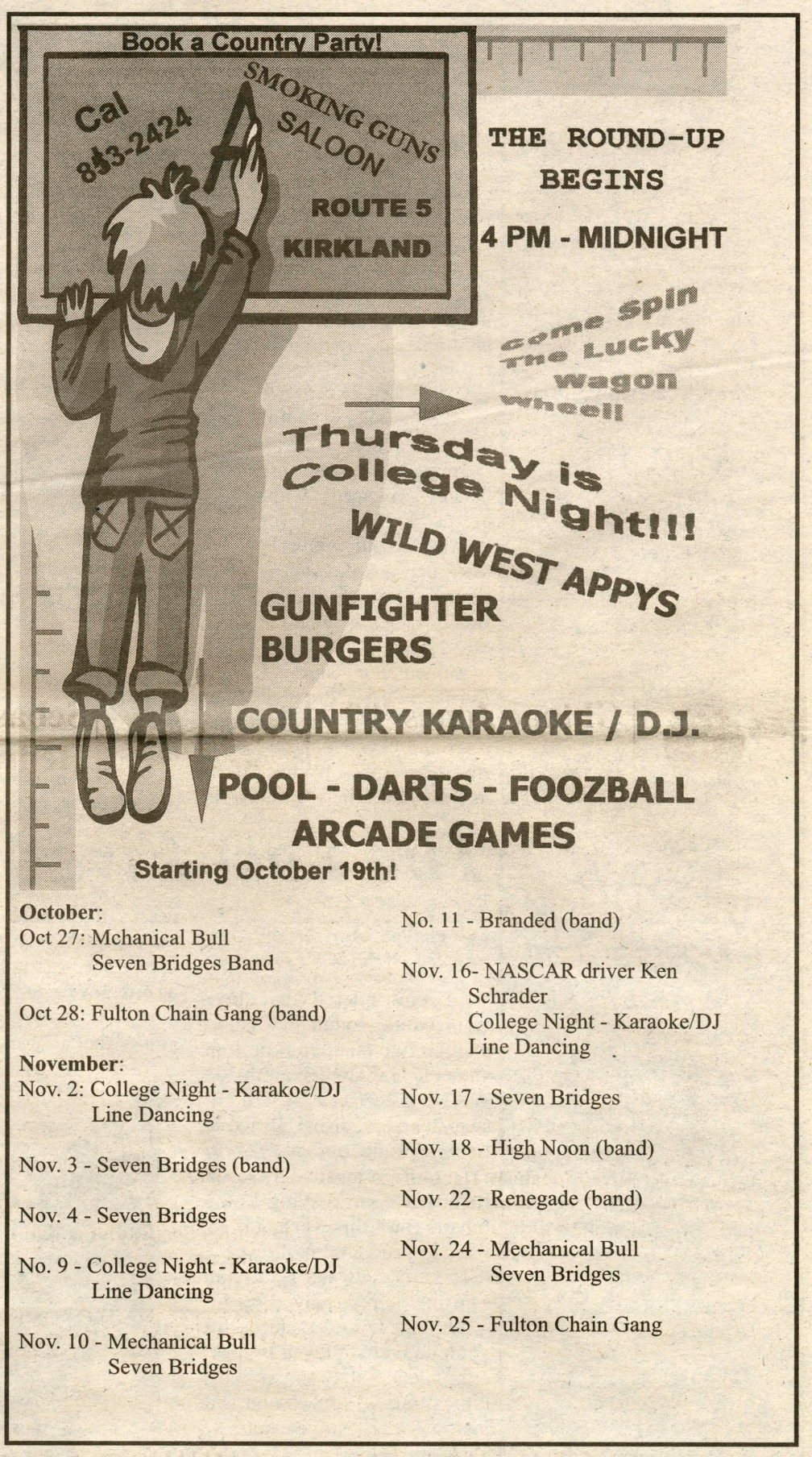

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Seven Bridges Band

Oct 28: Fulton Chain Gang (band)

November:
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Line Dancing

Nov. 3 - Seven Bridges (band)

Nov. 4 - Seven Bridges

No. 9 - College Night - Karaoke/DJ
Line Dancing

Nov. 10 - Mechanical Bull
Seven Bridges

No. 11 - Branded (band)

Nov. 16- NASCAR driver Ken Schrader
College Night - Karaoke/DJ
Line Dancing

Nov. 17 - Seven Bridges

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Nov. 24 - Mechanical Bull
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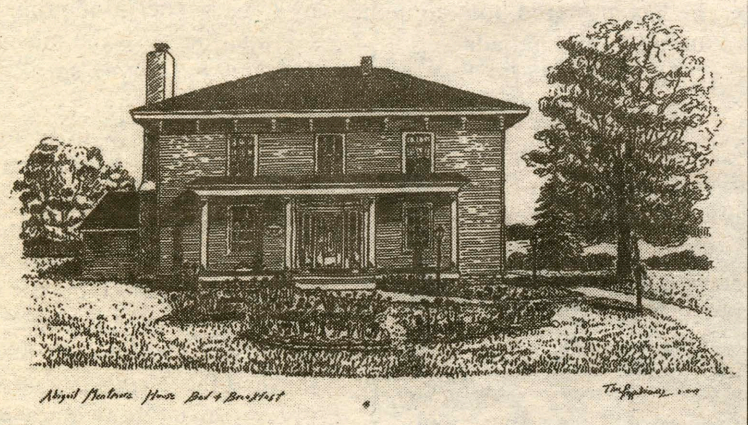
Nov. 25 - Fulton Chain Gang



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Weekly Charts

by Nicole T. Dietsche
Arts & Entertainment Editor

MUSIC
(From iTunes)

Top Albums
1. Daughtry - Daughtry
2. Light Grenades - Incubus
3. Wintersong - Sarah McLachlan
4. Kingdom Come - Jay-Z
5. U218 Singles - U2

Top Songs
1. Irreplaceable - Beyonce
2. Wind It Up - Gwen Stefani
3. I Wanna Love You - Akon feat. Snoop Dogg
4. My Love - Justin Timberlake
5. Smack That (Dirty) - Akon

MOVIES
(Yahoo! Box Office Charts)
1. Casino Royale
2. Happy Feet
3. Deja Vu
4. Borat
5. Deck the Halls
6. Bobby
7. Stranger Than Fiction
8. The Fountain
9. The Santa Clause 3
10. Tenacious D and the Pick of Destiny

BOOKS
(From The New York Times Best Seller List)

Paperback Fiction
1. VALLEY OF SILENCE, by Nora Roberts
2. THE MEMORY KEEPER'S DAUGHTER, by Kim Edwards
3. THANKSGIVING, by Janet Evanovich
4. THE AMBER WARNING, by Robert Ludlum
5. FOREVER ODD, by Dean Koontz

Paperback Non-Fiction
1. RUNNING WITH SCISSORS, by Augusten Burroughs
2. FLAGS OF OUR FATHERS, by James Bradley
3. THE GLASS CASTLE, by Jeannette Walls
4. NIGHT, by Elie Wiesel
5. DREAMS FROM MY FATHER, by Barack Obama

Bond, James Bond in *Casino Royale*

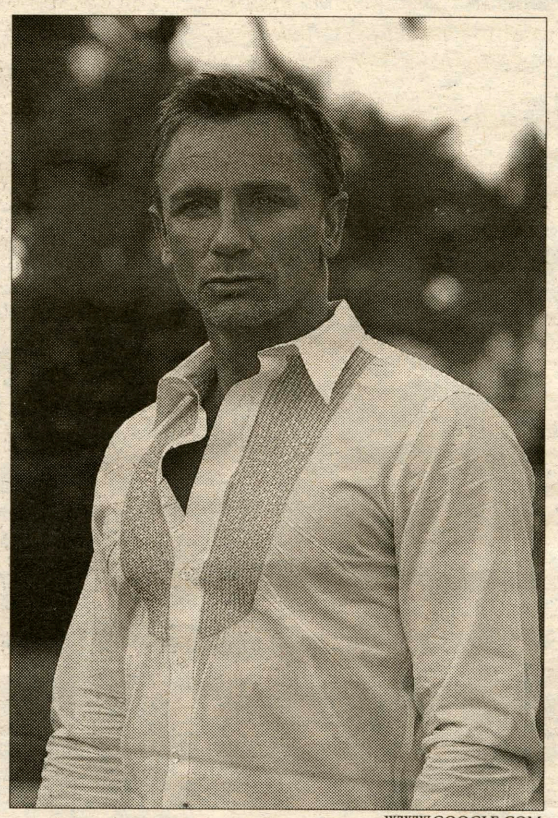
by Eric H. Thomas '09
Arts & Entertainment writer

Bond. Now appearing in his 21st film, this enigmatic character is someone most of us with the Y-chromosome want to be. He is suave, sophisticated, oversexed and capable of kicking any ass on the planet, especially those of unnamed henchmen so ubiquitous in his films. Daniel Craig, cast to play our intrepid hero in the latest of the franchise, *Casino Royale*, is none of these things.

He isn't suave, he isn't very sophisticated, and at one point in the movie, when asked how he wants his martini he replies (gasp), "Does it look like I give a damn?"

Yet somehow, without the gadgets (a break from tradition reviewers harshly criticized), without the martinis, and, for at least an hour, with way too much poker, Craig *is* Bond. It's just… a different Bond, which is what the film's producers apparently wanted. For instance, *Casino Royale* is supposed to predate the other Bond flicks, and we actually see Bond get his double-0 classification in the opening fifteen minutes of film (not to mention his crossing swords with the ever-impressive Dame Judy Dench as M).

Dench's reprisal of her role is one of the few holdovers from the previous slate of films, and it is a welcome one. On the other hand, there is no Q, and Bond's Aston Martin, though still one of the coolest cars on the road, has surprisingly few gadgets and tricks. And then there's the girl.



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Not shaken or stirred: Daniel Craig as the new face of James Bond.

Unlike almost all of its predecessors, *Casino Royale*'s Bond eventually falls in love with the lovely Vesper Lynd (played with incredible wit by Eva Green, previously seen only in 2005's *Kingdom of Heaven*).

Green is fantastic, and the writers do a much better job of matching Bond with his female counterpart than they have in most of the previous films (perhaps the only nod to feminism this hyper-masculine franchise can manage). Their exchanges are snappy, and Craig seems most comfortable when opposite a woman (like Ms. Green in the first half of the film) who has no interest in him. But that seems to be the main problem for the new Bond.

Just when he gets his bearings and settles into his infamous tuxedo, the script calls for him to be sensitive, then angry, and finally back to sensitive. Craig seems to spend so much time morphing between a flat-nosed boxer, and a detached but loving man, ready to be taken in by a good woman, that he can't just be Bond.

There are some changes that needed to be made, and the film takes full advantage of this. The final confrontation, this time with a terrorist-financier rather than the traditional super-villain, has gotten a much-needed facelift.

Rather than going into an excessive monologue about plans for world domination and how foolish Bond is, Le Chiffre (played by the Danish Mads Mikkelsen) and Bond mock one another, even as the latter is tied to a chair. It is excruciating to watch, but the dialogue is the best Bond has had with an adversary since Sean Connery faced Robert Shaw on a train in *From Russia with Love*.

But that's important to note as well. We have been coming to the movies (maybe not personally—we're a little young for that) to watch Bond since 1962. Since then, the Soviet Union has fallen, the Berlin wall has come down, and Eastern Europe is no longer the center of world conflict. Even Britain's influence on the rest of Europe seems to be waning. Yet despite all this, Mi6's best agent endures.

When Craig makes another appearance as Bond, (which a $40,833,156 opening weekend all but guarantees he will) he will be updated yet again. By then, those of us with that Y-chromosome are all hoping he'll have leaned how to order that martini.

The Last Five Years to play in Barn

by Rebekah Mintzer '09
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Ever wondered what a love story would sound like backwards? Two talented Hamilton students, Julianne Jaquith '08 and Nick Fesette '09, will answer this question in Untitled @ Large's production of *The Last Five Years*, a musical by Jason Robert Brown, playing in the Events Barn this weekend.

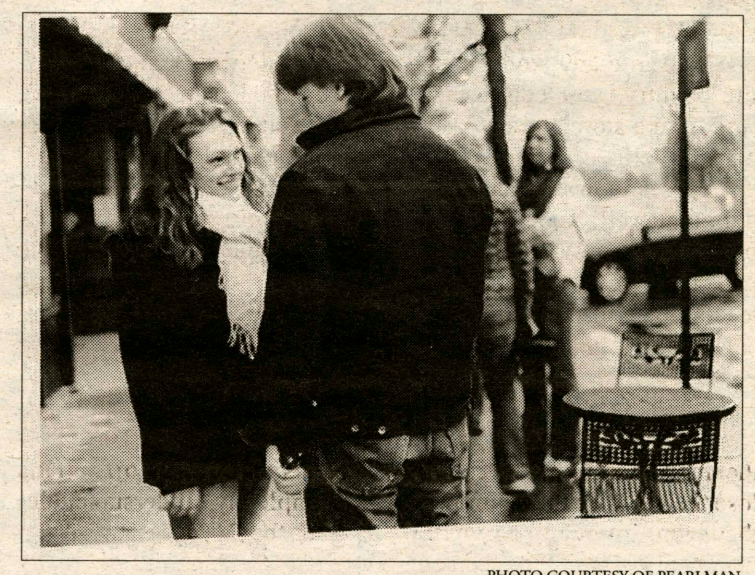
The production follows the love story between Cathy, an aspiring actress played by Jaquith, and Jaime, a successful young novelist played by Fesette. The plot may sound like a typical tale of love found and lost, but there is one catch.

Cathy experiences the relationship in reverse, beginning with a song about her breakup with Jaime ("Still Hurting"), and ending with their first meeting. Jaime on the other hand, lives their relationship in order. The two meet in time only once in the play, during the gorgeous duet ("The Next Ten Minutes").

The Last Five Years is about a very realistic relationship and there are certain elements of the story and its expression through song that college students can certainly relate to. Brown's score hits closer to home than older musicals because it appeals to the sensibilities of modern romantic relationships and their issues. As much as it can be bittersweet and sad, *The Last Five Years* has a great sense of humor that appeals to contemporary viewers. Jaime, who is a New York Jew, has one hilarious number where he sings of Cathy as the non-Jewish girl he has been waiting for ("Shiksa Goddess").

Jaime and Cathy's musings on their love life are underscored by gorgeous piano music. Brown's songs are more contemporary and edgier than most Broadway scores, and he has mastered both comedic numbers and ballads.

"*The Last Five Years* has a seamless integration of songs that are like monologues- the words fit so naturally with the music," says Musical Director Winston Cook-Wilson '09, "It has an older musical feel in some parts but is also jazzy and more modern in others…It is unlike any Broadway show that I have ever come across."



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Julianne Jaquith '08 and Nick Fesette '09 star in Untitled @ Large's production of "The Last Five Years."

The show is unique in that there are only two characters and the plot is driven entirely by song. Scenery and props are minimal because the music in *The Last Five Years* speaks for itself.

"This is my favorite musical of all time," says director Randi Rivera '08, "I put on this show in high school and since it ended I've been waiting to do it again. I got lucky this year and found the time and people."

If you have any interest in musical theater, or if you simply want to enjoy an innovative piece art on campus, *The Last Five Years* is a great choice for weekend entertainment. It is rare that contemporary musical theater comes to Hamilton, so the show is an opportunity that is worth taking advantage of especially when placed in the capable hands of some of Hamilton's most talented actors and singers.

"I think the original slogan for the show got it right- this is 'the love story we all lived'" says Rivera, "The show appeals to us all in different ways no matter what the age group."

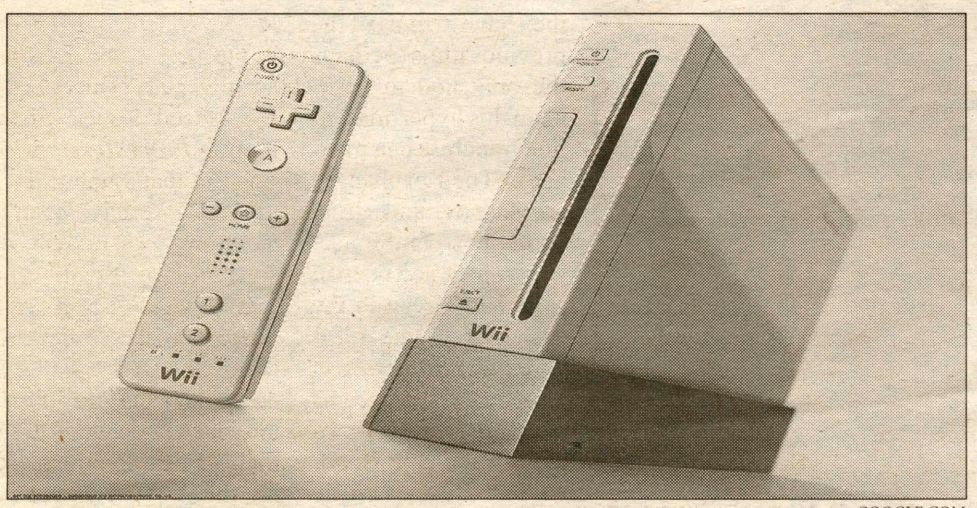
The Last Five Years is produced by Lindsey Pearlman'08. It is playing tonight at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 p.m., and Sunday at 2 and 8 p.m. Admission is free and snacks will be served.

Ah, the delicious aroma of new consoles

by Brendan Conway '09
Arts & Entertainment writer

As you may or may not be aware, two weeks ago the illustrious PlayStation 3 hit shelves across America.

Or rather, it didn't hit shelves. PS3's were snatched up by ravenous Sony fans long before they could rest for a bit on comfortable K-Mart and Target shelves. Many of these terribly determined consumers had been camped out for an entire week, awaiting the glorious release of that graphical titan.



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Make sure you hold onto your Wiimote when playing; your television won't appreciate the abuse.

Yes, these crazed devotees were willing to forego such common pleasures as good food, a warm bed and clean toilet facilities for the sake of this supposedly nigh-on-divine black box.

Well…most of them were so devoted.

You see, several rather savvy characters across the U.S. realized how much money could be made by selling this precious machine to some insane fan-boy. Buy the console for $600, then resell it for, oh, I don't know…$1000? Maybe more? EBay is functioning as a major facilitator for this strategy. It did create a policy limiting the sale of PS3's to the best sellers on EBay, but this didn't prevent the prices of PS3's to soar as high as $2000 or more.

To add insult to injury, there were thefts of PS3's all throughout launch day. That's right. People stole newly purchased PS3's at gunpoint. A few examples of PS3 launch day crime include Lehigh Valley, PA, where a 17-year-old bought a PS3 and was robbed of it at gunpoint while he was within his car, before he even left the parking lot; Elk Grove, CA, where two men held up a GameStop at gunpoint and stole four PS3's and four Xbox360's; and Manchester, CT, where four or five men beat a PS3 purchaser and ran off with his PS3, although one of assaulters did fall out of the car during the getaway and is now in police custody.

Perhaps the most enjoyable part of this entire launch, at least to me, is former Senator John Edwards's undesired involvement. One of Edwards's aides went to a Wal-Mart and requested a PS3, dropping Edwards's name while he was at it. Edwards admits that his wife did want to get a PS3 for his children, and that she mentioned it in front of members of his staff, who then sent a volunteer to go and try and get a PS3 for Edwards, as he was already going to try to get one for himself. The volunteer was apparently a "young kid" who didn't realize that he shouldn't have dropped Edwards's name, especially considering Edwards's criticism of Wal-Mart. Edwards was accused of hypocrisy and of trying to use his political status to unscrupulously bypass the line of regular Americans.

Who could've expected that a little gaming console could cause so much trouble?

On the lighter side, the Wii launched with almost no problems. Mostly everyone who wanted a Wii was able to get one, and in many stores across the country, you could easily walk into a store and buy a Wii off the shelf.

This isn't to say that the Wii didn't sell well. Nintendo simply produced more Wii's than Sony produced PS3's, thus helping to eliminate any of this crazed activity over getting one of the consoles.

The main "controversy" surrounding the Wii so far has been the small minority of players who lose their grip on the Wiimote as they swing it around, and wind up chucking it at the TV by accident. When it comes down to it, that really isn't all that bad; after all, I can't help but think that if you can't hold onto your Wiimote with enough strength, maybe you shouldn't be playing.

All in all, though, most of this has subsided, and an opening verdict can be issued: neither of these new consoles is truly phenomenal. The only PS3 game to truly impress players so far has been "Resistance: Fall of Man," a first-person shooter game. Other than that, basically all the PS3 games are on other systems, and are better on those other systems.

The Wii has more unique games out right now, but again, none of them have been extraordinary. The closest has been "Legend of Zelda: Twilight Princess," but even this much-anticipated game received a great deal of criticism. Reviewers stated that it was more of the same, which wasn't necessarily a bad thing, because the other Zelda games have been so good. They didn't feel there was anything here to truly distinguish "Twilight Princess," though they stated that the Wii features felt tacked on, and that the graphics were just high-end GameCube graphics, not truly indicative of a new generation. "Red Steel," one of the Wii games that I know I was anticipating, was reviewed almost unanimously as trash, with a very unworkable control scheme and poor game-play over all.

It also seems that the Wii is falling into the niche of a "party-console;" many players have stated that it's a great console for the family, and they had a great time with it during Thanksgiving, due to the ease of its controls and the fun of being able to move around while you play. But in terms of solo-enjoyment, the Wii seems to be lacking so far.

In general, right now, it seems that neither of the new systems has taken off. This is completely understandable; it took the 360 a year to have enough good games to really warrant its purchase.

But I'm sure many fan-boys are very disappointed by the lack of the amazing wonderment they'd been expecting in these new consoles. Personally, I remain sided with the Xbox360, at least for now. With games like "Gears of War," "Dead Rising," "Ghost Recon: Advanced Warfighter," and even "Viva Piñata," it seems unequivocally to be the leader right now. My recommendation: if you have the dire need to buy yourself a console this holiday, make it an Xbox360.

Hamilton Playlist (Extended Version!)

by Nicole T. Dietsche '09
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Donchyaknow, Canadians are good at things other than hockey! You know that you have a hankering for all things Canadian like their free health care and … um, geese… but today it's all aboot the music!

1. "One Week" by Barenaked Ladies – Possibly the most well-known song by this hysterical band. With other songs about chimpanzee postcards and apples and aluminum and anything else under the sun, this may possibly be Canada's best export.

2. "We're All To Blame" by Sum 41 – Deryk Whibley, the front man, is married to Avril Lavigne, keeping all that punk strictly Canadian. Even though this song is off of *Chuck*, which is a bit less successful than *All Killer No Filler* or *Does This Look Infected?*, this album was created after the band went on a trip to the Congo with a Canadian charity organization. After seeing the civil war that was going on there, the band put together this more serious album named after Chuck Pelletier, the A.U.N. peacekeeper who helped get them to safety.

3. "Nobody's Home" by Avril Lavigne – Okay, this song may just be a personal favorite of mine, and I don't care at all who does or does not like Avril Lavigne, but this song is just great and a lot more musically mature than "Sk8tr Boi."

4. "Neighborhood #4 (7 Kettles)" by The Arcade Fire – Off of *Funeral*, The Arcade Fire's most popular release, the album was named because of the deaths of people very close to the band during the making of the record. The band was even named "Canada's Most Intriguing Rock Band" on the cover of *Time Magazine*.

5. "Addicted" by Simple Plan – These Canadian punks may be a bit three years ago, but they're still catchy and… addictive. Plus, the lead singer's name is Pierre. *Pierre*. It's just *that* good.

6. "Promiscuous" by Nelly Furtado – How is it that an artist can go from a song like "I'm Like a Bird" to "Promiscuous" *after* having a kid? Yeah, it confuses me too, but this song is just catchy enough to have people singing it all over the place.

7. " My Heart Will Go On" by Celine Dion – What? The song from *Titanic*? The ship may be going down, but this song isn't likely to sink anytime soon, it's a Clear Channel favorite.

8. "Arms of an Angel" by Sarah McLachlan - Sad, meloncholy songs are this Canadian's favorite. This song was featured in super-depressing Nicholas Cage movie, *City of Angels*.

9. "Man I Feel Like A Woman" by Shania Twain – Country music from a Canadian? Okay, so maybe she was a little misplaced in the wrong part of North America, but this song will make you want to dance and throw around a little feminist attitude.

10. "I'm Ready" by Bryan Adams – The man was inducted into the Canadian Walk of Fame, for goodness sake. That's like the Hollywood Walk of Fame but more… north. Not only that, but he was the gas station attendant in *Pink Cadillac*.

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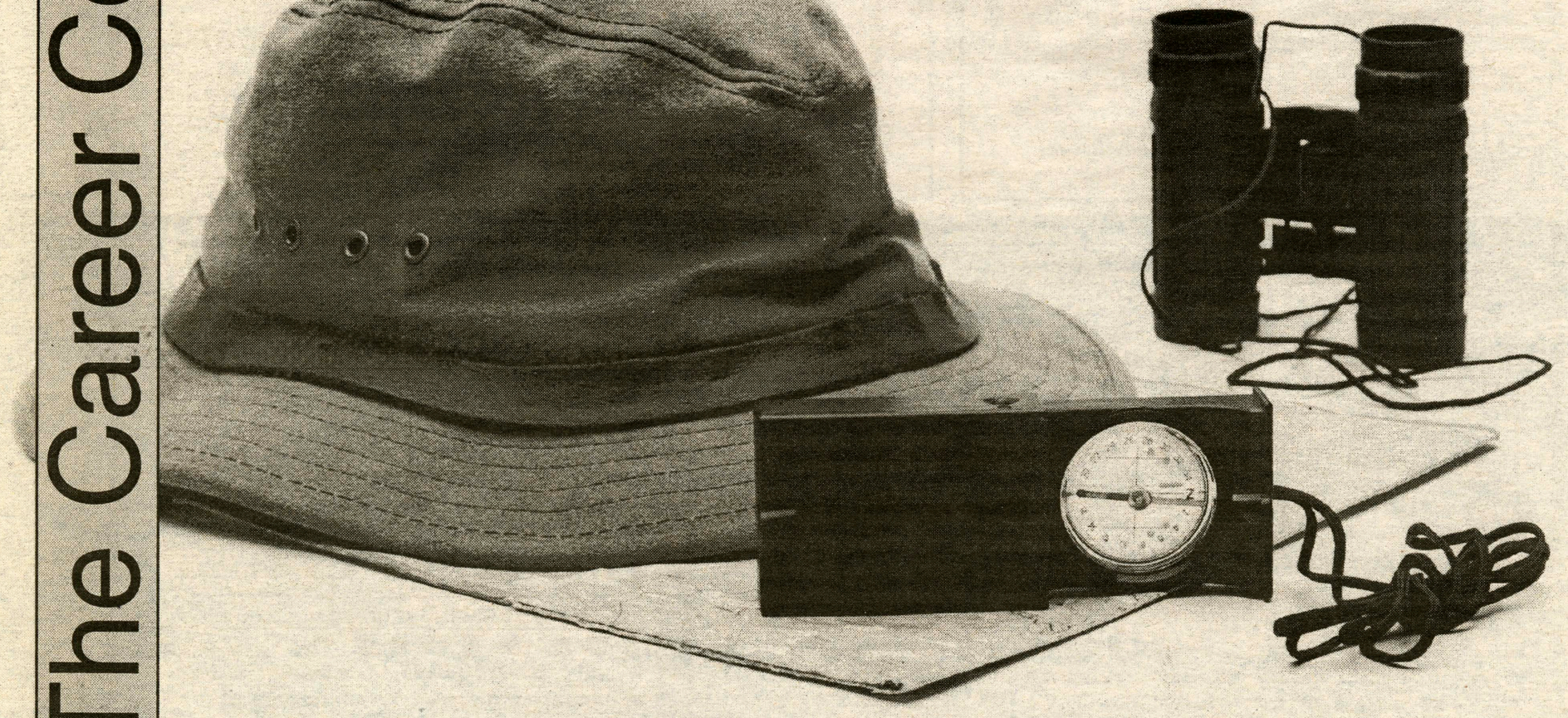

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Weird Science Story of the Week

Ancient Lion Skeleton Found In Egyptian Tomb

by Jenny Dolphin

The discovery of the skeleton of a male lion in the tomb of King Tutankhamen's wet nurse Maïa in the city of Memphis, Egypt, has lent weight to the theory that ancient Egyptians worshipped lions.

The lion was discovered in the tomb, located in Saqqara burial ground in the Nile Valley, in November 2001 by a team of archaeologists excavating the area. The tomb itself dates back to 1330 BC, but the remains were probably not placed inside it until centuries later.

Historically, the Egyptians have depicted the lion as a deity with human attributes, a well-known example being the Sphinx. It was known that lions were bred and buried during the pharaonic dynasties, but researchers had never found interred remains.

Excavation leader Dr. Alain Zivie said of the find: "We knew from pharaonic inscriptions that lions existed in ancient Egypt and were buried in these tombs, but we had never found one until now."

The lion remains were unearthed in a part of Maïa's tomb dedicated to Bastet, the goddess with the head of a cat.

The room was littered with animal bones, however the lion skeleton stood out because of its size. The bones are several of the largest ever recorded for a male lion.

Lions may have been raised in sanctuaries and fed and buried ritualistically. It is now deemed certain that they were part of the cult of animal worship that characterised Late and Hellenistic Egypt.

The "virtually complete, undisturbed skeleton" was laid out on a rock next to a wall. It appeared to have been partially preserved, but was not wrapped in linen.

The discolouration and mineral deposits on the bones were comparable to those of mummified cats found in the same catacombs, indicating that the lion may also have been mummified.

The body was oriented to the east and the head pointed to the north. The skull had been partly crushed.

Dr Zivie commented: "The lion is full of symbolism. It represents strength and fierceness. The lion is the king of the animals, but he's also the animal of the kings of Egypt and he's connected, in particular, to the goddesses, many of whom are depicted with lion faces."

Speculation has arisen that this particular lion was either believed to be an incarnation of, or was a dedication to, the god Mahes, who had a lion's head. Mahes was a venerated figure in the "city of the lion", Leontopolis, and he also bred lions.

University of Chicago Egyptologist Dr. Emily Teeter offered an alternative explanation – that the ancient Egyptians believed the lion represented Mahes' mother Sekhmet. Sekhmet, who has the head of a lioness, is believed to represent the cat goddess Bastet's darker side.

Not all experts agree, however, that the discovery is significant. Forensic anthropologist Robert Pickering of the Buffalo Bill Historical Center in Cody, Wyoming, said the fact that no flesh was preserved and no bandages were found makes the mummification claim dubious.

"It seems to be treated different from other animals that were entombed as part of ritual," Pickering said. "Maybe this lion's importance is as a family pet rather than as a representative of a god. The context doesn't seem to fit."

Story by Animal News Center, Inc. www.buzzle.com

Apple rumour roundup: week of November 27

By Matthew G. Crowson '09
Science & Technology Editor

Here are this week's hot Apple rumors, care of Macrumors.com.

First, a rumor regarding a lawsuit regarding the iTunes interface:

"In September, reports emerged that Apple and Contois Music Technology reached a settlement over an iTunes interface lawsuit based on this patent filed in 1996.

Contois sought damages and an injunction against Apple for the infringement of the existing patent. The last word of the suit came in September, when after a 15-hour negotiating session, a settlement was reached but remained confidential:

'We're glad to get back to teaching music and selling musical instruments,' said Dan Contois, a brother of David Contois, who works in the 35-year-old family-owned business. "The terms are confidential. We can't discuss them.'

Interestingly, the patent lawyer involved in the case issued a press release today commenting about the implications of this patent and suggests that Apple has control of it.

The patent covers the system and methods for allowing users downloading media from a remote database and playing on a a local device - essentially the methods for purchasing songs online. According to Starkweather:

"I believe that, with this patent in hand, Apple will eventually be after every phone company, film maker, computer maker and video producer to pay royalties on every download of not just music but also movies and videos."'

The second hot rumor of the week is speculation about the rumored iPhone and that it may have wireless-accessible casing:

"Hrmpf reports on Apple's latest patent application which depicts the previous iPod mini casing but with particular attention paid to the materials used in the enclosure.

According to the patent application, Apple suggests the use of Zirconia as a radio-transparent material for part the enclosure:

A portable computing device capable of wireless communications, the portable computing device comprising: an enclosure that surrounds and protects the internal operational components of the portable computing device, the enclosure including a structural wall formed from a ceramic material that permits wireless communications through.

Consideration for radio-transparent material is to allow cellular/mobile phone functionality from the device itself. This is simply further evidence that Apple has been actively considering wireless integration with current iPod devices.

Current iPhone rumors suggest a target date of the first half of 2007 for the possibility of such a device."

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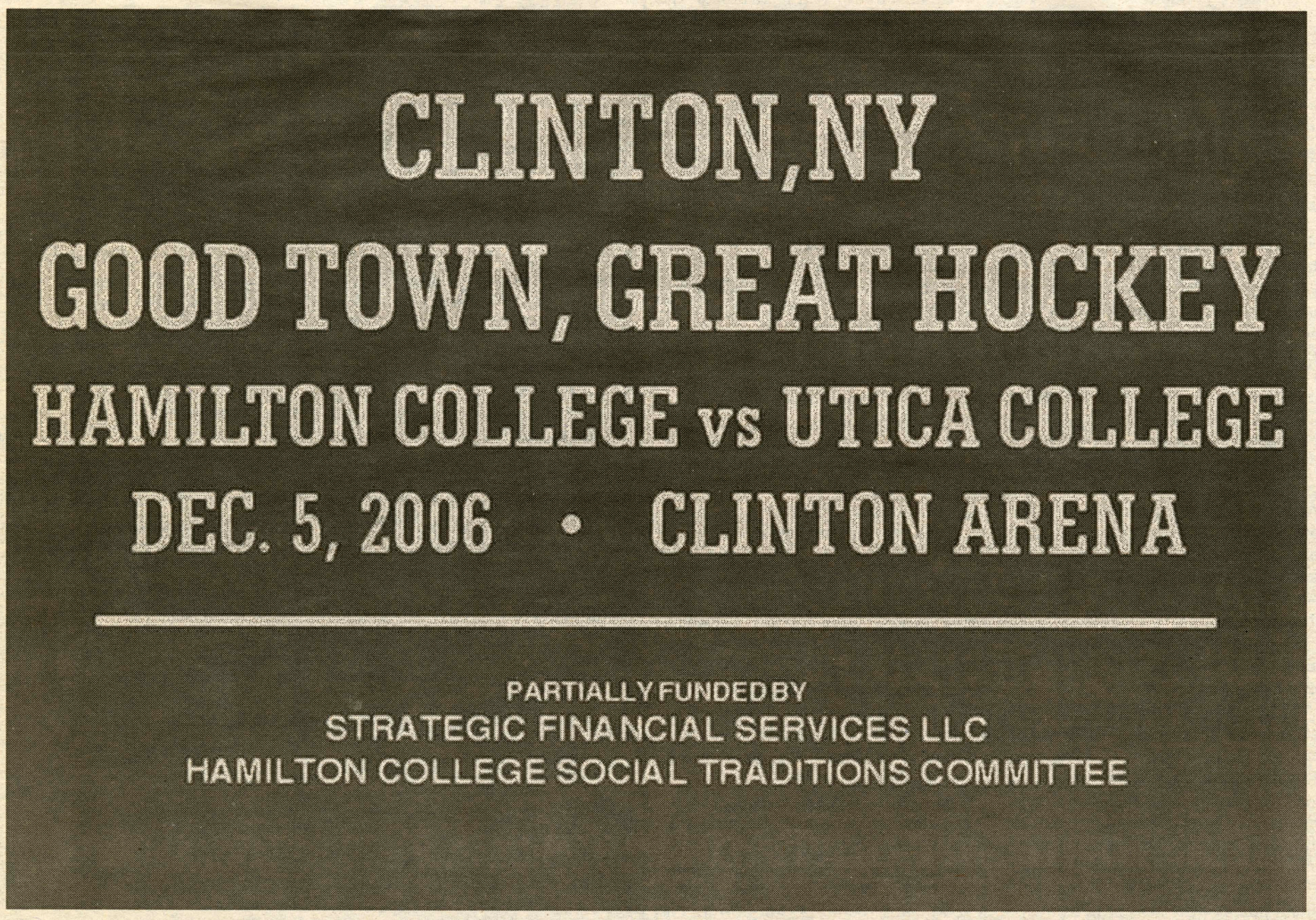
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Hockey edged by Middlebury; looks to Wesleyan

Wins versus Williams and SUNY Cortland gets Women's Ice Hockey season off to strong start

by Lindsay Jones '09
Sports Writer

In their tenth season as a varsity program, along with first-year Head Coach Brendon Knight, the Women's Ice Hockey Team is looking to improve upon last season's 10-14-1 record. Seven first-year players join the veteran squad, which is led by eight seniors and a solid core of sophomore and junior players. Early season games against SUNY Cortland, Middlebury College and Williams College have already solidified the 2006-07 team as a legitimate competitor in the NESCAC.

The Lady Continentals are led by Captain Emma Dunn '07, who is returning this season after only playing three games during the 2005-06 season. Despite having suffered a serious injury, Coach Knight expects a solid season from the defenseman. "She has done a great job being a team captain, and has bounced back really well considering that she has not played in a year," Knight says.

The first-year coaching staff will rely heavily on Assistant Captain Tierney Boisvert '07, who has 15 career goals and 35 career points going into her senior season. "Tierney is a really hard-working two-way player," says Knight, "She always has a great work ethic and leads by example." Knight also boasts of the possibilities this season for Assistant Captain Kerry Leonard '07, who has 23 career points as a Continental. Knight predicts that if she continues to play the way she has so far this season, she should be a major NESCAC Player of the Year contender.

Defensively, the Continentals will turn to veterans Kristina Carroll '07, Jess Goldberg '08, Kate Marek '09 and newcomer Rachel Rapoza '10. Freshmen Amy Allen and Lauren Tomford are expected to spark the team's offense, as they already have in the season's opening games.

The Lady Continentals hosted SUNY Cortland in the season-opener at Russell Sage Rink on November 17. Senior goaltender Caitlin Connelly made 32 saves, leading Hamilton to a 4-0 non-conference win against the visiting Red Dragons. Connelly was outstanding during the penalty kill, and made 13 saves alone in the third period for the shutout. Leonard led the offensive assault, with two goals and one assist. Goldberg and Jodi Raymond '08 chipped in with a goal apiece. Tomford had an impressive collegiate debut, dishing out two assists in the third period for the Continentals. "Our penalty kill units were very effective," Knight said of his team, who stopped all 11 of Cortland's power play opportunities to protect the shutout.

The Lady Continentals earned their second consecutive victory of the season when they were hosted by SUNY Cortland on November 18. The Red Dragons scored early in the first and second periods to take a 2-0 advantage going into the third period. Despite a 58-17 advantage in shots, the Continentals were forced to scramble in the third period to send the game into overtime. Goldberg and Raymond scored in the third period, each tallying their second goals of the season in as many days. Goldberg and Leonard were also credited with one assist each. Leonard scored the game-winner 1:31 into overtime, posting her third goal of the season, making the final score 3-2. Tomford was credited with her third assist of the season. Meg Shine '10 made her Continental debut mid-way through the second period. Shine was impressive, stopping all 11 shots she faced.

Hamilton hosted nationally ranked Middlebury College on November 25. The Continentals had a lot to prove, considering they had not had not been competitive with the three-time defending national champions in recent years. Leonard gave Hamilton the lead early in the second period, tallying her fourth goal of the season.

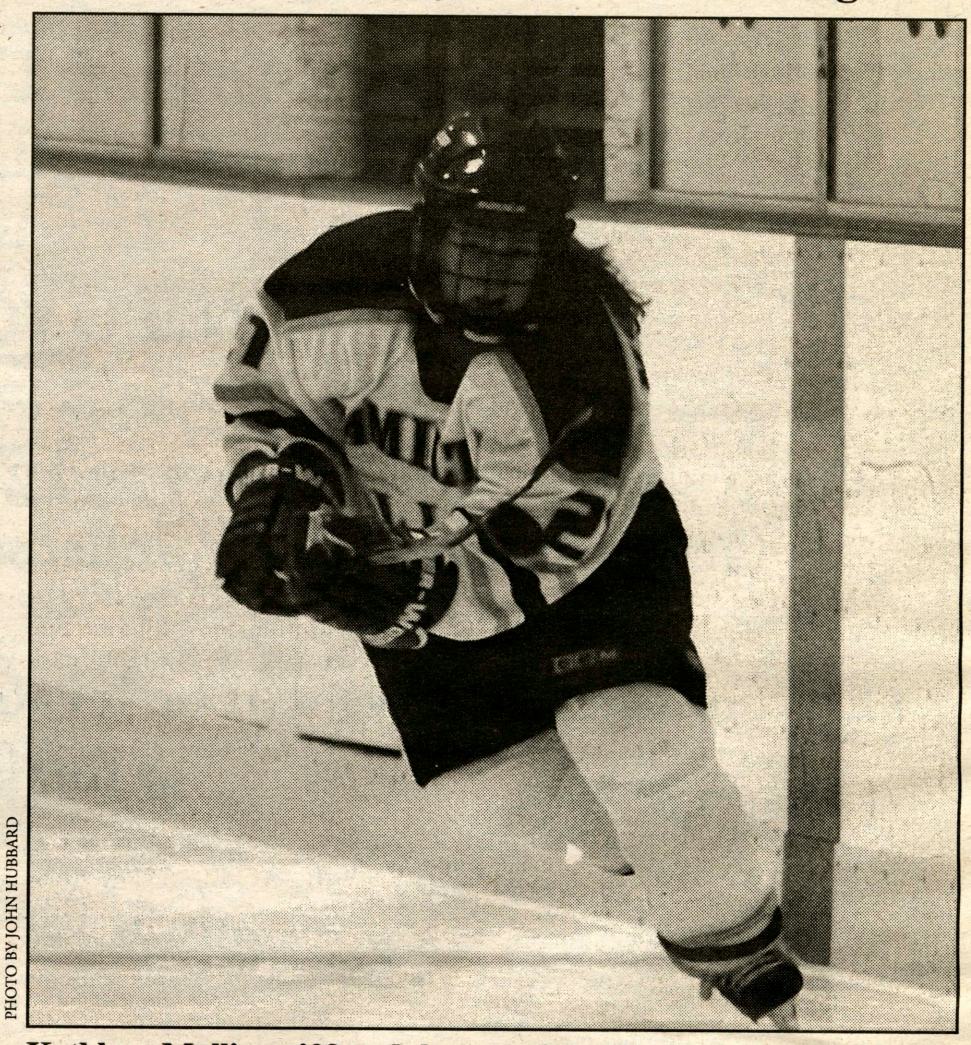
The Panthers tied the game on a power play goal and took the lead minutes later in the second period. Hamilton held a 3-2 advantage mid-way through the third period after a duo of power play goals 1:03 apart. Middlebury would notch their third goal of the game, however, 9:33 into third period, crushing the Continental's short-lived lead. The Panthers went on to score the game-winning goal with only 34 seconds left in the game.

Allen and Leonard each tallied one goal and one assist in the effort, and Courtney DeMaria '10 notched her first goal as a Continental. Katherine Kroleski '10, Goldberg and Marek were each credited with assists. Shine, who made her first start in goal for Hamilton, was credited with 31 saves. "Meg Shine was outstanding in her first start…She gave us a chance to win the game, and that is all you can ask for," praised Knight.

Hamilton's special teams made an impressive showing, as well, holding Middlebury to 1-7 with the advantage. Boisvert was also noted for her strong play during a 5-3 penalty kill in the first period. "It's not often that you can outplay Middlebury on penalty kills," Knight praised his team. Though, they suffered their first loss of the season, the Continentals now know that they can compete at a national level, having played so well against one of the nation's best teams.

Hamilton rebounded after their loss to Middlebury when they faced off against Williams College on November 26. The Continentals earned their second overtime victory of the year against the Ephs and their first-year coach Shannon Bryant, who was the head coach at Hamilton for the last six seasons. Unfortunately for Bryant and her team, the Continental freshmen, her former recruiting class, were the real difference-makers in the game. Tomford lit up Williams' defense with three goals, including the game-winner, with 2.1 seconds left in overtime. Allen scored one goal for the Continentals and was credited with two assists. Marek also had one assist. Shine was strong in net again for the Continentals making 24 saves, 16 of which were in the first period. Hamilton's 4-3 win on Sunday ended an eight game losing streak against the Ephs.

The Continentals will travel to Wesleyan University on December 1 for another conference game. Be sure to support the women's hockey team when they play local rivals Utica College at Utica Memorial Auditorium on December 7 at 7 p.m.



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Kathleen Mulligan '09 and the rest of the Women's Hockey Team are traveling to Wesleyan University for two games this weekend.

Who deserves Ohio St.?

by Sean Hopper '09
Sports Writer

In Division I college football, there is always a little controversy; this has been a constant theme as long as I can remember. The problem the majority of the time is who should be in the championship bowl game, and this year is no different. This year Ohio St. has been the clear cut best team in the country, but which team belongs with them in the national championship game has been argued thoroughly. If USC beats UCLA this week, they will be the ones to play Ohio St., but what about Michigan? Do they deserve the spot over USC? Well what about Florida? If USC loses does Michigan deserve to play OSU again even if Florida defeats Arkansas in the SEC title game this weekend? Who knows, only the computers of the BCS can tell us and that's why everyone is so upset.

The argument against USC (10-1) playing in the title game is that their one loss was to unranked (8-4) Oregon State, but the teams USC has defeated have been great. They destroyed Arkansas, ranked eighth, 50-14; they beat then Nebraska, ranked nineteenth; and clobbered Notre Dame, ranked sixth, last weekend. Besides their loss to Oregon St., they have taken care of competition in the Pac-10, beating ranked teams ranked in the top twenty, such as Oregon and California.

Although impressive, Michigan's one loss is to the number one team in the country in a game that was decided in the last minute. They dominated the Big 10, beat a tough Wisconsin team, then surprised everyone by travelling to Notre Dame and winning big.

But let's not forget about Florida, whose one loss this year was to an Auburn team that was once number two in the nation. Florida went on a five game tear, beating LSU, Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee. Their only loss was to Auburn. Last week, they also beat Florida State, a tough in-state rival, to bolster their reputation. But the real problem with Florida is their strength in schedule; besides those tough games they played teams that are at the bottom of the NCAA D1-A, like Western Carolina. That has been what's hurt them in the BCS standings.

I admit that the Michigan-Ohio State game was great, but Michigan had their chance to beat OSU. Let's just say hypothetically that Michigan plays OSU in a rematch and they win, wouldn't it be fair to allow OSU another chance to win? After all, Michigan got a rematch after losing to the Buckeyes the first time. Unfortunately for the Wolverines they were hurt by the timing of the loss because it was the last game they played, and this late in the season a loss will kill you. USC lost much earlier in the season but rebounded with a lot of impressive wins.

So if you'd like to see the OSU-Michigan rematch you should root for UCLA this Saturday to beat USC. In the end, the USC Trojans will probably be playing the Ohio State Buckeyes for the national championship. Personally, I think this match up would appeal more to the majority of people watching in the country. Yes, Michigan fans will be upset, but by putting USC in the title game you are giving the entire west coast a reason to watch. As much as I'd like to see a round two of OSU-Michigan, I think that people will be equally, if not more excited, for another great game between two of the most entertaining teams in the nation.

Women's Swimming strokes ahead of competition

by Mallory Reed '10
Sports Writer

The Hamilton College Women's Swimming and Diving Team got off to a strong start in their debut meet on November 18 at Bristol Pool. According to Coach T.J. Davis, the non-league quad meet against Ithaca, Hartwick, and SUNY Geneseo was "a very fast meet." He said, "If you would have taken a look at the same meet in 2005, it was a lot slower," and noticed, "great improvements in all teams."

The final scores for the meet were, Hamilton with 104.00 points to Hartwick's 137.00, Hamilton with 81.50 to Ithaca's 141.50 and Hamilton with 91.00 to Geneseo's 143.00 point finish. Coach Davis said that it was a very balanced meet with "not a lot of dual victories or one-two finishes for any of the teams in a single event." He added, "Each team was usually represented in the top four in some order."

For Hamilton, there were many standout individual performances, especially in the non-freestyle stroke events. Freshman Whitney Rosebaum emerged with a stellar breakout performance as she captured the lone Hamilton first place finish in the 200-yard-butterfly with a time of 2:15.73 seconds and posted a third place finish in the 200-yard-freestyle in 2:02.23 seconds. Also, the duo of freshman Danielle Fortier and senior Bevin Kenny made key contributions to the 200-yard-backstroke with a respective 6, 7 finish in times of 2.23.7, and 2:23.96. In the 200-yard-breastroke, sophomore Eve Stevens anchored the Hamilton team with a sixth place finish in 2:38.55 seconds followed by fellow sophomore Stephanie Capizzi in ninth place with a time of 2:41.51 seconds. Capizzi also came through in the 200-yard-IM with a seventh place finish in 2:24.74 seconds.

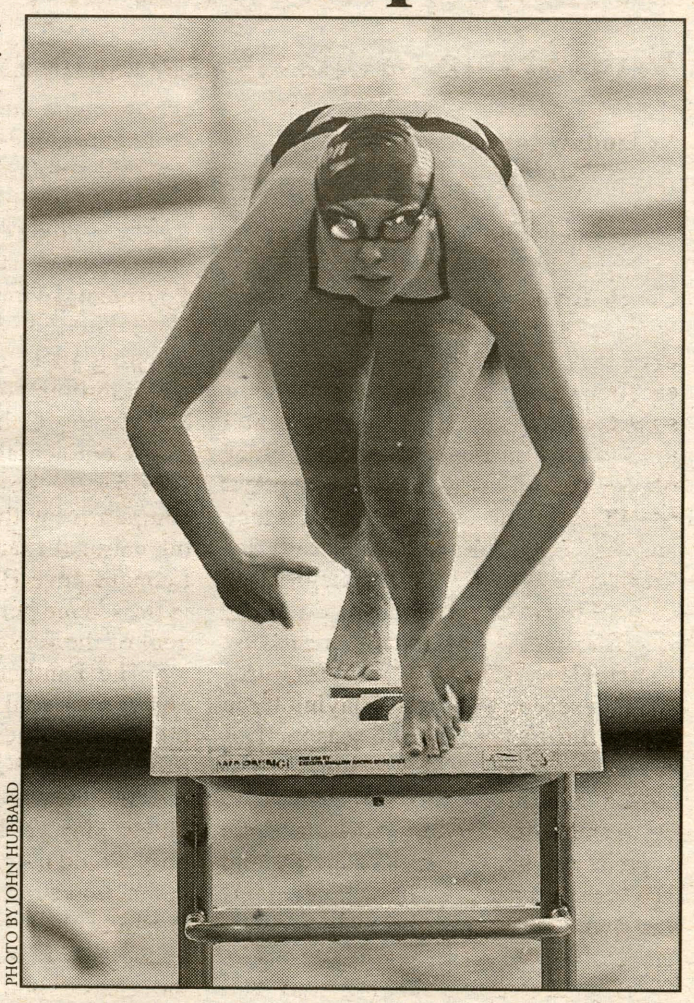
In the freestyle events, senior captain Sam Pitter was solid in the sprints as she tied for third place in the 50-yard -freestyle with a time of 26.40 seconds and posted another third place finish in the 100 Yard Freestyle in 57.24 seconds. In the distance freestyle events, Coach Davis said it was "as deep as I've seen a women's freestyle event." However, sophomores Maura Donovan and Deanna Edwards emerged to lead Hamilton in a field of women who Coach Davis believes are destined to compete at the National level. In the 1,000-yard -freestyle, Donovan posted an 11:28.97 second finish followed by Edwards in ninth place with a time of 11:33.92 seconds. In the 500-yard-freestyle, Edwards and Donovan finished in tenth and eleventh place respectively, with times of 5:41.94 and 5:45.42 seconds.

In the relay events, Coach Davis was especially pleased with Hamilton's second place finish in 400-yard-Medley Relay as he said, "it has always been one of the things we are most proud of." Backstroker Kenny, breastroker Stevens, butterflyer Rosenbaum and freestyler Pitter came together to post a time of 4:11.74 seconds. Hamilton also finished in fifth place in the 400-yard-Freestyle Relay as Naomi Krakower '07, Ashley DeMaio-Zacharek '08, Christine Mays '07 and Wendy Doster '08 joined to cature a 4:02.98 second finish.

On the boards, sophomore Beth Beaury stepped up as the lone Hamilton diver with third place finishes in both the 1- and 3-meter diving events with respective scores of 164.55 and 158.30 points. Coach Davis said, "I was really thrilled with how she did." He added, "she has worked really hard this year and it is definitely paying off."

According to Coach Davis, although the Hartwick, Ithaca and Geneseo meet is Hamilton's first meet, "it is always a great culmination of our fall semester." He added, "We raced as well as we have in the past and it's great to see the freshman come in and everyone work together as a team." The meet was well attended with many friends and family, as well as approximately 25 alumni, demonstrating the strong cohesive tradition of the program.

The Hamilton Women's Swimming and Diving Team now looks towards the Liberty League Championships this weekend, on December 1 and 2, at the University of Rochester. According to Coach Davis, there will be some pretty formidable teams and "we'll have our hands full." However, he is looking forward to the chance "to find out where we are as a team in a championship setting." Go Blue!



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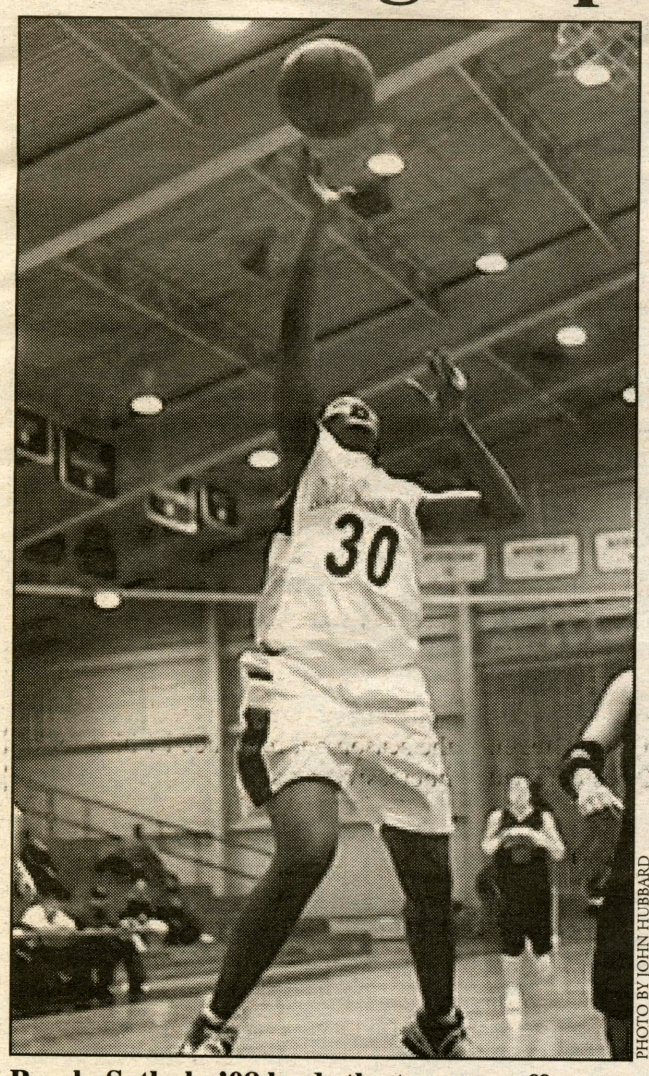
Multi-faceted Carolyn Meyer '10 is one member of a strong, talented first-year class for the Conts.

Season begins spectacularly for Women's Basketball



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Pumla Sathula '08 leads the team on offense.

by Julie DiRoma '10
Sports Writer

Hamilton's Women's Basketball Team is off to an amazing start. Already with four wins under their belts, the Continentals have three more non-league games to prepare themselves before they face Liberty League competition.

Hamilton opened its season in Chicago, Illinois, on November 17, where it participated in the North Central College/Holiday Inn Select Tip-Off Classic. North Central College started off in the lead, but Hamilton was able to overtake them midway through the first half. Captain Pumla Sathula '08 led the team with 19 points, 11 rebounds, and 3 steals. Molly Kane '09 and Sydney Fasulo '09 were also key players, contributing 13 points, 3 rebounds and 12 points, 7 rebounds, respectively. Hamilton defeated North Central, 73-62, and moved on to the next round of competition.

The next day, Hamilton took on John Carroll University of Ohio. After just six minutes of play, the Continentals took an early lead. Thanks to the 18-point contribution from Captain Jess Barrows '07 and the 17 points from Sarah Schrader '09, the Continentals held their lead throughout the entire game. Fasulo, active once again, added 14 points to the team's total. Sathula played another excellent game, scoring 10 points and reaching a game-high of 12 rebounds. With a final score of 72-66, Hamilton won the championship game of the tournament. The Continentals received extra honors when Barrows made the All-Tournament Team and Sathula was named MVP of the tournament.

On November 21, the Continentals played SUNY IT in their home opener. Once again, Hamilton was off to a good start, scoring 10 points within the first four minutes of play. SUNY IT could not catch up throughout the rest of the game. Fasulo reached a season-high contribution of 20 points. Kane added 15 points to Hamilton's total. Schrader and Sathula also added crucial points and assists to help Hamilton win the game, 82-60.

On Tuesday, Hamilton faced nearby rival Utica College. Hamilton took the lead early on in both halves, but both times Utica managed to close the gap. With only 31 seconds left, Utica was ahead by two points. Time was running out for the Continentals, but in the last two seconds, Fasulo made a shot to tie the score at 69-69. Hamilton headed into overtime, eager to capture the win. Kane said, "With the big comeback, we had momentum on our side and there was no way we were losing in overtime." Between Fasulo and Kane, the Continentals scored 8 more points in overtime, allowing them to just barely defeat Utica, 77-76.

Fasulo had an amazing performance in the game against Utica. She reached a career-high of 29 points. She also tied another impressive career high with 14 rebounds, ten of which were offensive rebounds. Laura Wetmore '09, Cate Schafer '10 and Liz Longley '07 all made significant contributions to the team's win.

The close win against Utica shows how committed the girls are to playing their hardest right to the very end. Barrows said, "What's really exciting is that we were able to win that game when we were down by six with one minute to go in regulation, and the other team had the ball." Kane also shared her enthusiasm about the comeback. "Beating Utica in overtime was huge for us because, even though we made a lot of mistakes on both offense and defense, we found a way to win," she said.

The Continentals are proud of the way they have started their season, and they are excited about their team's potential. Barrow said, "I can't wait to see how we do down the road in league play." Sathula, impressed with the team, said, "It's scary seeing what we can do this early in the season, with so much stuff we have to work on. I'm anxious to see what we can do when we reach our peak."

The Continentals certainly show a lot of promise for a great season, so be sure to support them as they enter Conference competition. The Liberty League games begin in January, with two home games in a row. Hamilton's next game, the last one this semester, will be at Hartwick College on December 5. Good luck to the team as they continue on in their season. Get ready to cheer on the Continentals at home next semester!

IM Update

by Leanne Pasquini '07
Sports Writer

Indoor Soccer:

A-league: Retired FC and FC Molach are tied for first place

B-league: Team Chuck Norris, Team Miti Mian, The Whalers, and Team Awesome and the Water Cowboys are ties for first place

Contact: Pat Hodgens (phodgens)

Basketball:

Games began this week and are played in the alumni gym. Competition is hot, as there are a total of fourteen teams in the A league and sixteen in the B league. Stay tuned for future updates on standings.

Contact: TJ Reynolds (treynold)

Volleyball:

There are twenty teams signed up for the volleyball league this season. Games began on Wednesday in the alumni gym and will be played 5-7 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Contact: Michelle Fisher (mnfisher)

If you have any questions or suggestions please contact Coach Thompson (dthompso), or stop by his office in the Blood Fitness Center.

Men's Squash opens season in style

by Erin Hoener '10
Sports Writer

On November 18 and 19, Hamilton hosted the Liberty League Squash Championship Tournament in the brand new Little Squash Center. Ranked twentieth in the College Squash Association's Preseason National Rankings, Hamilton's Men's Squash Team had high hopes coming into the tournament. Unlike the other teams in the League who had a few matches under their belt coming into the weekend, due to NESCAC regulations, this tournament provided Hamilton its first matches of the season, and for three freshmen, the first matches of their college career.

Coach Jamie King has led the Men's Squash Team for the last seven years; a team which has been steadily improvng in the national rankings for each of those seven years. Coach King has high expectations as the team work towards further improving its national ranking and continuing the legacy of sportsmanship. Also leading this year's squad is senior captain Anthony Bardaro.

Coach King had high praise for Bardaro, stating that he "could not ask for more in a captain. He works with the younger players, organizes team events and fires the guys up for the big matches." Senior leadership is very important to this young team, with six of the top nine players freshmen or sophomores. In college squash, the top nine players on a team are organized in a ladder, each player ranking from one to nine. Each of these players faces off against the corresponding player on the opposing team in a match. Each match is best of five games that go to a score of nine.

Although the Continentals went into the Liberty League Championships with no game experience to speak of, they represented Hamilton very well in their first home tournament. In their first match of the weekend, Hamilton squared off against Hobart College, ranked twenty-third. In the past, Hobart has given the Continentals a run for their money, but Hamilton started off the weekend well in a decisive victory over Hobart with a final score of 6-3. This match demonstrated the great depth of the Hamilton squad as five of the six victories came from the bottom of the ladder: #5 John Frazier '07, #6 Sander Doucette '09, #7 Rick Munchaur '09, #8 Brett Morell '10 and #9 Ben Bradford '07.

Hamilton then went on to play University of Rochester, ranked twenty-first in the country. With two new international players in the first and second positions, Rochester looked to be a formidable opponent, but again, Hamilton took them down, 6-3, with wins coming from #2 John DeWitt '09, #3 Mario Magana '10, #5 Frazier, #6 Doucette, #8 Morell and #9 Bradford.

In their third match of the weekend, Hamilton faced off against Vassar College. Vassar's number one player, Anshuman Beri from India played captain Bardaro to five games, taking advantage of Bardaro's torn quadriceps. However, after losing the first two games, Bardaro took control of the match, eventually winning in five games. Vassar, ranked thirty-first in the country, did not give the rest of the Continentals as much difficulty, as Hamilton had shutouts in seven of the eight victories.

The last match of the tournament set Hamilton against St. Lawrence University who was ranked eighteenth in the Preseason Polls. This is the fourth season in a row that Hamilton has played for the Liberty League Championship. In front of a packed house, Hamilton battled a very tough St. Lawrence team, but did not come up with a victory, losing the match 6-3. Four of St. Lawrence's six victories over Hamilton went to five games, demonstrating just how close Hamilton was to being Liberty League Champions.

Although the final loss was a hard one to swallow, the Continentals are excited and ready for the upcoming Hamilton College Round Robin Tournament here on campus at the Little Squash Center. Hamilton will be hosting many highly ranked opponents, including Franklin & Marshall College, ranked thirteenth in the country, Stanford University, Colgate University and featuring a re-match with St. Lawrence. It is not often in college squash that teams face each other more than once before nationals, so the Continentals are excited for the chance to face off against St. Lawrence for a second time.

The addition of the Little Squash Center to the Hamilton campus has not only given the squash players a wonderful facility to play in, but has also given the Hamilton community the opportunity to support this nationally ranked team. While one may not think of squash as a sport influenced by its spectators, the players would tell you differently. After rallying his way back from a 0-2 deficit to beat his Rochester opponent in five games, Doucette commented, "It was a good thing all my friends were there cheering, because I wouldn't have been able to pull off that win without their support." So this weekend, head over to the Little Squash Center to support the Continentals as they take on Stanford at 10 a.m. and rematch against St. Lawrence at 3 p.m. on Saturday, December 2. On Sunday, the team will play Franklin & Marshall at 11 a.m. and Colgate at 2 p.m.

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Men's Basketball undefeated heading into weekend

by Lindsay Getman '10
SPORTS WRITER

Loyal fans of the program expected big things, and the Hamilton's Men's Basketball Team has not disappointed. The team started off the season with two home wins to capture the Tip-Off Tournament championship, then routed Medgar Evers over Thanksgiving break. The Continentals continued the streak this week with a win over Utica College to remain undefeated.

The team played their home and season opener on November 17th against Hartwick College. Co-captain Tsakani Ngobeni '07 led the Hamilton offense with 24 points, 14 rebounds, four assists and two blocked shots, the only blocks of the game. Additionally, Ngobeni scored his 1000th career point in the contest. Starters Nick Jones '07 and Harlee Wood '09 made significant contributions as well. Jones had 15 points, including 2 threes, and was 5-5 at the free-throw line. Wood had 12 points and pulled down four rebounds.

After Ngobeni's dunk with a little more than four minutes remaining in the first half, the Continentals never again trailed the Hawks. Hamilton's 12-4 run was capped when Ngobeni added a final lay-up to put the team up 9 points at the half. Though Hamilton committed numerous personal fouls in the second half, their active offense combined with spotty free-throw shooting from Hartwick preserved a comfortable lead for the remainder of the game. The Continentals finished with a double-digit win, 78-67 over the Hawks.

Hartwick went on to trample New England 63-40 in the Tip-Off Tournament consolation game. Hamilton advanced to the championship game on November 18th against Norwich University, who had previously beaten New England 76-59.

Despite having more turn-overs and less offensive rebounds, Hamilton still managed an exciting win over Norwich University. Ramunas Rozgys '09 scored a team and career-high 20 points off the bench. Jones and Ngobeni both had solid performances, combining for 30 points, six assists and eighteen rebounds. The freshman proved they could hold their own as well: Jay Simpson '10 contributed eight points; Dave Alston '10 had four rebounds; and Joe Manns'10 had three assists and a steal.

The Cadets had a slim margin of lead on the Continentals for much of the first half, until several turnovers and missed jumpers gave Hamilton the opportunity to gain the lead and finish up seven points at the half. Hamilton finished the game strong, slowly building their lead to triumph with yet another double-digit win, 75-67 over Norwich.

Jones was given All-Tournament Team honors, and Ngobeni was unsurprisingly named Tournament MVP. Ngobeni was also named Liberty League co-Forward of the Week on November 20.

Almost every player on the Hamilton squad saw playing time in the rout of Medgar Evers on November 25. Ngobeni had a season-high 24 points as well as eleven rebounds. Wood came off the bench to score 11 points in just 13 minutes of play. The Continentals forced a number of turn-overs, racking up 11 steals. The final score was 97-70.

Following his stand-out performance in Brooklyn over the holiday weekend, Ngobeni earned Liberty League co-Forward of the Week for the second consecutive week on November 27.

The winning streak didn't stop when the team returned home Tuesday night for a non-league game against hometown rivals Utica College. The game had some tense moments, and was certainly more physical than the foul totals suggest. Utica led for the entire first half, with Hamilton trailing by as much as 10 points. A string of missed jumpers and 3-pt shots and poor rebounding hurt the Continentals, especially against the intensity and offensive hustle of the Pioneers. Utica led 38-33 at the half.

Hamilton pulled it together after the half, and with the large crowd of fans (especially the Dog Pound, in leotards and Daisy Dukes) cheering them on, handed Utica a 68-64 decision. The barn-burner kept the crowd on their feet for much of the second half, as Ngobeni topped his season-high with 26 points, more than twice the tally of any other Hamilton player. He scored 20 of those points in the second half, and added a game-high 10 rebounds. Starters Zarrette Rogers '08 and Giorgi Chavleishvili '08 each had nine points.

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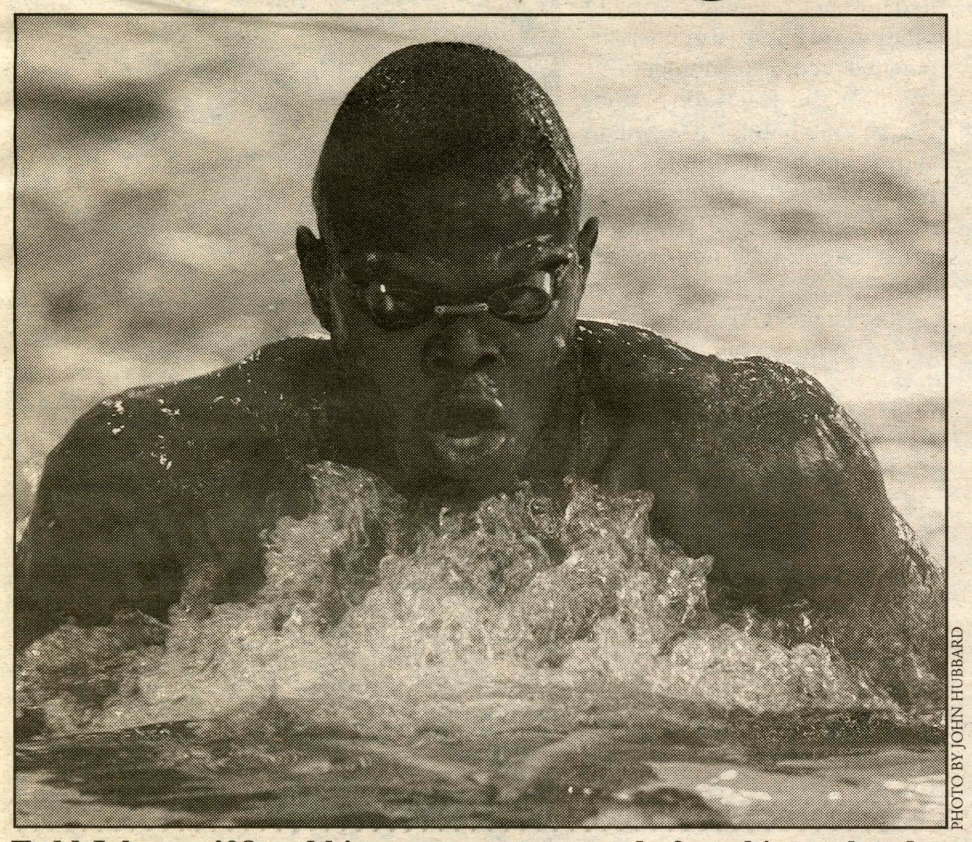
Ngobeni '07 drives to the basket versus Hartwick.

Next week the Continentals play their final two home games before going on the road until January 12. Scott Field House plays host to non-league competitor Wesleyan University on Tuesday, December 5, at 7 p.m., and then Middlebury College on Saturday, December 9 at 3 p.m. Come out and support the undefeated team as they try for 6-0!

Men's Swimming focused on Liberty Leagues



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Todd Johnson '08 and his teammates are ready for a big weekend.

by Ezra Rosenberg '10
SPORTS WRITER

Hamilton's Men's Swim Team had varied success Saturday, November 18 in their annual meet against Ithaca, Hartwick and SUNY Geneseo. The team's first meet of the season ultimately helped prepare the squad for what they hope will be an impressive performance at the Liberty League Championships this weekend.

The team started off well with the 400-yard-Medley Relay, placing second behind Geneseo in a time of 3:41.77. Todd Johnson '08 started the race off with a large three-second lead that the Continentals used to hold off nearly all of their opponents.

In the 1000-yard-freestyle, the longest event at the meet, Jason Brown '08 and Mark Hodges '07 finished two-three for Hamilton with times of 10:22.30 and 10:27.16, respectively. Brown also placed second place in the 500-yard-freestyle with 5:01.83. Both races were considered incredibly deep and Coach T.J. Davis noticed immediately at the meet that these were "blazing" times for this point in the season.

Freshmen played a large role in filling out the field of events; something to which Coach Davis alluded before the meet. The class of 2010 participated in just over fifty percent of the events. Jared Mereness '10 and Charlie Ruff '10 both made significant contributions. Mereness, who specializes in breaststroke, raced that leg in the 400-yard-Medley Relay that placed second and also placed fourth out of thirteen in the 200-yard-breaststroke. Ruff was the top Hamilton swimmer in the 100-yard-freestyle, placing sixth out of fourteen.

Hamilton ultimately lost all three of the dual meets, finishing closest to Ithaca. SUNY Geneseo finished the day at the top with three dual meet wins. Hamilton struggled in the team standings on the day partially because of the program's lack of divers. Coach Davis explains the problem saying, "Had we had diving, I feel we would have been much closer in the Ithaca and Hartwick meets."

It was definitely evident at the meet that all four programs had improved from last year. The quality of the meet was higher. The returning swimmers from the programs had generally gotten stronger and each school had a strong addition of first years.

The only disappointing part of the meet would have to be the diving. A total of three divers participated for the four teams, which have all been represented with divers at the NCAA Championships in the past. It just happens to be an anomalous year for diving. This weakness could continue to haunt Hamilton throughout the season, merely because they will not gain any points from diving when competing against schools with divers.

This weekend Hamilton will travel to University of Rochester to participate in the Liberty League Swimming and Diving Championships. Eight men's teams will be participating in a two-day competition that consists of three sessions.

The championships will not have the pressure involved in filling out a dual meet. At the championships swimmers generally have a choice of which events they would like to swim with some respect to how they could benefit the team.

The Liberty League Championships will be a timed finals, opposed to a finals preceded by preliminary rounds as most observers are accustomed to. Here each swimmer can swim a maximum of four individual events. In each event there is only one chance to race and put up a time. The top 16 times generate points scored for your school.

Under Coach Davis, it is a team policy for each member to participate in four events. This is in an effort to branch out each individual's abilities and also make the best attempt at scoring points for the school. Hamilton has done remarkably at the Championship in the 11-year history of the Liberty League winning seven times. This includes a stretch of six victories from 1998-2003.

This year, the schools that will be the biggest challenges are RPI, Union and hosts Rochester. The team would love to win this meet. Davis says the team's approach, "Will be to make our best effort to win, but it is not going to consume the team." The championships, according to Davis, will be a success if the Continentals place in the top three. Hamilton will certainly have to overcome their void in diving with strong swimming.

Another championship would both continue Hamilton's dominance in the event and point to the future, perhaps being the beginning of another dynastic rule of the Liberty League.

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Women's Squash wins Liberty Leagues at home

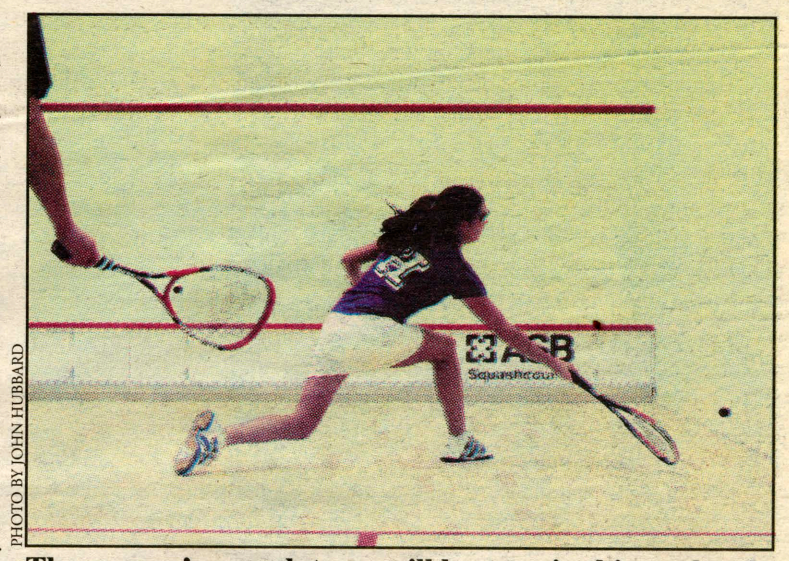
by Tom Gillespie '09
Sports Writer

On November 19, the Hamilton College Women's Squash Team won the Liberty League Championship for the first time in the program's history. This was a momentous occasion for the Women's Squash team because it was the first time beating rival William Smith College in the championships.

Hamilton also hosted the event for the first time at the brand new Little Squash Center. The Little Squash Center was completed earlier this fall at the cost of 6.1 million dollars. The center holds ten regulation size courts. Two of these courts have exhibition seating. The center also features two team locker rooms and two offices. The Little Squash Center has emerged as one of the premier squash facilities in the country. The center will allow Hamilton to host more home competitions for both men's and women's squash. Before the 2006 season, both the men and women's squash teams had to play almost exclusively on the road.

Last year, Hamilton reached new heights as a program. Under the command of then first-year Head Coach Sally Cockburn, the Lady Continentals started with a ranking of twenty-six, peaked at eighteenth, and finished the season in twenty-first. Madeline Sullivan '09 finished her first year as the team's number one player. Ashley Pardoe '09 held the highest number of victories last year with 18 wins to her name. These sophomores are joined by many talented upperclassmen. Captain Casey Cook '07 and Lindsay Walsh '07 are both three-time letter winners and the team's only seniors. Walsh is a two-time all-league pick. She led the team with 17 wins in 2004-05. Betsy McDermott '08 will also contribute this season after posting 14 wins in her first two years on the team.

Not unlike last season, the entire women's team had an excellent showing in the Liberty League Championships. Hamilton beat William Smith College first by defeating them 7-2 on the first day of play. Then on the second day, Hamilton beat Vassar College 8-1 and later in the day, beat St. Lawrence 8-1 to clinch the championship. The Hamilton women had incredible performances throughout the grueling weekend-long event. Sullivan and Cook won all three of their own matches from the weekend. Cook now leads the team with 33 victories in her career. Krissy Rubin '10 and Courtney Kollmer '10 also went 3-0 this during the weekend, marking their first victories while playing at the collegiate level. Freshman Kelly Whipple also had a very successful weekend against all of her respective opponents, winning two of her games against a very tough William Smith opponent. Monica Schwerin '07 and Natalie Schwerin '08 will also contribute strong play for the remainder of the season as they have in thee past. Look for them to contribute the mental toughness they exhibited in their tough matches at Liberty Leagues.



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The women's squash team will host again this weekend.

The new facility will allow the squash teams to finally have truly competitive matches at Hamilton along with support the fan base that has supported them on the road when possible in the past. This year Hamilton is scheduled to play at least a dozen matches in the new facility. The team's next opponent is Franklin and Marshall University on December 2 followed by Stanford University on December 3. Come out this weekend and cheer on the Lady Continentals as they face two talented opponents and be their home court advantage!

Men's Hockey starts fast on the road

by Brandon Leibsohn '10
Sports Writer

Hamilton men's ice hockey is back, with the team ready to show that they are a team to be reckoned with in the NESCAC. Head Coach Phil Grady returns for his twenty-third season with Hamilton and is looking to increase his rank among the best coaches in Division III men's hockey history. Heading into the season, he is in 16th place all-time for wins by a Division III coach with a total of 292 career victories. When asked what keeps him going, he replied, "The great thing about Hamilton is the strong character exhibited in the bright, articulate, and hard-working student athletes."

The team has already played two games into its 86th season on the road against division rivals Trinity College and Wesleyan University. Led by senior stars, forward Casey Deak '07 and defenseman John Gordon '07, the Continentals have shown that they can muster up enough offense to play with the best teams in the NESCAC. This year the team will try to rebound from a disappointing loss to eventual NESCAC champion Middlebury College in the semifinals of the conference tournament.

The make-up of this year's squad is composed of mostly underclassmen. With only eight juniors and seniors on the team, the young players will have to step up and provide quality performance right from the start. Coach Phil Grady has tried to create a game like atmosphere in practice to make it "as difficult and complex as possible to make the games seem easier. The young players know that the veterans are looked to for leadership." So far this has been accomplished and the Continentals have a 1-0-1 record to show for it. Winning the first game of the season against Trinity in dominating fashion, the team looked ready to pounce upon any mistakes made by its opponents.

Goaltender Matt Crowson '09 had a tremendous 42 save performance only allowing two pucks get past him. In the second game against Wesleyan, the team had a tremendous come from behind tying score with only one minute and twenty seconds left to play in the game. This team showed great confidence and perseverance as it had previously allowed its two goal lead to diminish into a 3-2 deficit. Instead of giving up and holding their heads down, they gathered up the courage to keep attacking and it paid off as they were able to rally and gain the tie.

This weekend the team goes up against two different opponents who each present different challenges. The first home game of the season (also known as the "Citrus Bowl") takes place Friday night at 7 p.m. against St. Michael's College who is coming off their first victory of the season last week and looking to reach the .500 mark. However, Hamilton is prepared to take on this squad as it will need to control the tempo of the game. The more opportunities to exploit the glaring goaltending weakness of St. Michael's, the better. Their three goalies have combined to give up a total of 14 goals in only three games meaning that the more scoring chances the Continentals get, the more likely they will be able to come out with a victory.

Norwich University on the other hand will force the Continentals to bring their best performance. Norwich is looking to improve upon its undefeated record and number four national rank. Hamilton is going to have their hands full going up against one of the best teams in the country. The Continentals are going to need a flawless performance from their goaltender, along with capitalizing on their scoring chances. If Hamilton is able to come out and dictate the style of play, it bodes well for the success for the remainder of the game.

In addition to this weekend's games, a huge rivalry game against Utica College is coming up this Tuesday night at the famous Clinton Arena. The game starts at 7 p.m. with a party featuring music and food, planned before the game starts. Not only does this look to be an exciting hockey game, it is also a fundraising opportunity for the Hope House in Utica. Every person that brings a canned good to the arena will receive a free Hamilton hockey t-shirt. Be sure to come early to this game as it surely will be a sellout.

Hamilton hockey is back and ready to take on any opponent that comes its way led by Coach Grady and his improved team. So come out and support the team this weekend and next Tuesday night showing the great hometown advantage and making Sage Rink and Clinton Arena the loud Continental cheering forces they deserve to be.

This weekend in Hamilton Athletics:

Friday 12/1:
Swimming & Diving (M&W)@ Liberty Leagues*
Hockey (W) @ Wesleyan
Hockey (M) v. St. Michael's

Saturday 12/2:
Swimming & Diving (M&W) @ Liberty Leagues*
Indoor Track & Field (M&W) @ Cornell Relays
Squash (W) v. Franklin & Marshall
Hockey (W) @ Wesleyan
Hockey (M) v. Norwich
Squash (M) v. St. Lawrence

Sunday 12/3:
Squash (M) v. Franklin & Marshall
Squash (W) v. Stanford
Squash (M) v. Colgate

Go Blue!

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